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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship EUPHRATES, 650 tons, 120 H. P., Commander J. C. Shaw, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd November, at noon.

Nov.		Dec.
Leave Bombay 23	Leave Galle	3
" Rutnagherry 24	" Negapatam	5
" Vingorla 24	" Pondicherry	4
" Carwar 25	" Madras	6
" Mangalore 26	" Coconada	8
" Cannanore 27	" Vizagapatam	9
" Calicut 27	" Bimlipatam	9
" Beypore 27	" Gopalpore	10
" Cochin 28	" False Point	11
" Tuticorin 29	Arrive Calcutta	12
" Colombo 30		

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

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No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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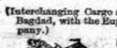
(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from England, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

The steam-ship ABYSSINIA, 1,129 tons, 209 H. P., Commander J. Templeton, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 29th November, at noon.

Up.		Down.	
	Nov.		Dec.
Leave Bombay	29	Leave Bussorah	7
" Kurrachee	Dec. 5	" Bushire	13
" Guadur	6	" Linga	14
" Muscat	7	" Bunder Abbas	20
" Bunder Abbas	9	" Muscat	22
" Linga	10	" Guadur	23
" Bushire	13	" Kurrachee	29
Arrive Bussorah	14	Arrives Bombay	Jan. 5

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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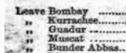
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM TO THE MALABAR COAST.

THE well known First Class Steamer PILOX, E. Baker, Commander, will leave for the undernoted Ports, every TUESDAY, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M.

Unjunwell,	Malwan,
Rutnagherry,	Vingorla,
Jeytapoor,	Goa, Panjim.

For Freight or Passage apply to NUSSERWANJEE KERSAS-JEE, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Cabins to J. DIXON, Apollo Street.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE KATTYWAR COAST.

STEAMER GENERAL OUTRAM, Captain Teasdale, will be despatched on TUESDAY, 23rd instant, at 10 A.M., to CUTCH MANDVEE, and NAVA NUGGUR calling at VERAVUL, PORBUNDER, and DWARKA.

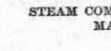
For Freight and Passage apply to

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, Bombay, 22nd November, 1869.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.



ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from Malabar Coast, calling at intermediate Ports on the following days :—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
" Rutnagherry	Sunday.	" Beypore	Saturday.
" Malwan	"	" Calicut	"
" Vingorla	"	" Tellicherry	"
" Goa	Monday.	" Cannanore	"
" Carwar	"	" Mangalore	Sunday.
" Coompta	"	" Coompta	Monday.
" Mangalore	Tuesday.	" Carwar	"
" Cannanore	Wednesday.	" Goa	Tuesday.
" Tellicherry	"	" Vingorla	"
" Calicut	"	" Malwan	"
" Beypore	"	" Rutnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer TILLY, Captain Kingcome, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

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(via SUEZ CANAL.)

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In accordance with the above the steam ship ASIE, Captain Latreiller, will be despatched from Bombay about the 15th December next, and will be followed, at intervals of five weeks time, by large and powerful steamers specially built for this service.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all transit fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
" Suez	£ 40	£ 22-10
" Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
" Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 9th November, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship GLENROY, arrived from Mauritius, are requested to forward their Delivery Orders, accompanied by Bills of Lading, for our Countersignature, and to pay Their Freight in full, and send off Boats at once for their Cargo, otherwise the goods will be landed as they come to hand at the expense and risk of the concerned, as provided for in the Bills of Lading.

Captain Ackary will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

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A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £25. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £53, 2nd class £34. } of Wines.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

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OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear :—

REQUIREMENTS.

4 Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with Straps,
4 " Under Vests.	1 Maud.
2 " Linen Collars,	1 Inverness Cape.
4 " Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau,
1 " Fine Merino Socks..	2 Overland Trunks.
1 " Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
4 " Colored Handkerchiefs.	1 Travelling Hat,
" White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
2 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—APPLICATIONS for SCHOLARSHIPS, in Elphinstone College, must be made on or before MONDAY the 3rd of January next.

CHARTERED BANK of INDIA, AUSTRALIA, and CHINA.—MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders, held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, the 20th day of October, 1869.

THOMAS A. MITCHELL, Esq., M. P., in the Chair.

The Advertisement convening the Meeting having been read, the following Resolution, after some introductory observations, was moved by the Chairman, and, being seconded by John Jones, Esq., was carried unanimously :—

"That an *interim* dividend, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum (free of income tax), be now declared for the half year ended 30th June last, payable on and after the 27th instant."

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors, moved by Thomas Huggins, Esq., seconded by Edward Watson, Esq., and carried unanimously, the proceedings terminated.

T. A. MITCHELL, Chairman.

The WARRANTS for the DIVIDEND above declared to Shareholders of this Presidency are now in COURSE of CIRCULATION to their respective addresses.

JAMES DOUGLAS, Agent.

Bombay, 22nd November, 1869.

EUROPEAN ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

The following extracts, showing the spirit in which the English Press has commented upon the recent petitions to the Court of Chancery for the winding-up of the Society, are published for the information of Policy-holders in India.

The "Daily Telegraph" concludes an elaborate article with these words—" Here is a company with a large and safe connection, and a splendid income derived in a great measure from young lives, showing that the elements of prosperity are present in abundance. But the income has been obtained at a heavy cost, and it will no doubt be the aim of the managers to reduce that cost, so that a large additional amount may annually be available for the benefit of those who contribute the money. Should this not be secured henceforth it will not matter so much, since, influenced by the guidance of an active retained agency, and fortified by the approval which has come so significantly from the leading Judge, its reserve, it may naturally be presumed, will remain constant to their several contracts. At the same time, old business can be kept together, and new be annually, by no made so certain of success as active management, on sound principles, in view of all the world. If the directors of the European will take the public not less than their share and policy-holders not full confidence, and show that they have profited even by the sharp animadversions passed on their administration, the ordeal they have just encountered may prove the blessing of their society."

The "Standard" says—"The European Assurance Company has pulled through. The hearing of the petition to wind up, which had occupied Vice-Chancellor James for two days, came to an end a few minutes before seven o'clock last night, in the presence of a deeply interested, and somewhat excited audience, who filled the Court to overflowing, and stood in the open doors, eager to listen to the arguments of counsel, but especially anxious to catch the first intimation of judicial opinion. All the unpopularity of the petitioners there was no doubt of. The counsel whom the company had instructed to oppose the granting of its prayer were supported by others, of whom some claimed to speak on behalf of holders of nearly two million pounds' worth of policies. A second set of learned gentlemen virtually represented the whole body of Irish assured, while others appeared on behalf of individual members of every kind, having a stake in the permanence and prosperity of the concern." And thus concludes—" The vigour with which the winding-up petition was met, and the success with which it has been defeated, should concur to enforce the utmost attention to these suggestions on the part of the officials. They have taken their customers into their confidence, and, instead of having to ask for help in their emergency, and they have not appealed in vain. * * * By every consideration, therefore, whether of duty, gratitude, or interest, they are bound henceforth to the Assured as to nothing else so to relieve it from the possibility of reproach, and thus to make the European, not one of the largest, but also one of the soundest, of insurance corporations."

The "Morning Post" says—" Public Opinion will no doubt judge of the European Insurance Company as Vice-Chancellor James has judged it: the conclusions of the outside world have been already arrived at, *pari passu* with his, and there are, we imagine, few people, if any, who will think otherwise than that the Vice-Chancellor, both as a lawyer and as a man of common sense, has come to a right decision, and has taken the best course for the interests of the parties brought before him."

The "Morning Herald" remarks—" The dismissal of the petition for winding up the European Assurance Company will calm the minds of policy-holders and others whose confidence in life assurance companies, if not in life assurance itself, had been rudely shaken by recent revelations. There was indeed no little danger lest the failure of the Albert should prove to be only the beginning of a series of similar calamities, as the signal for a panic as universal, and more injurious, than that by which, three years and a half ago, so many hundreds of trading corporations were sacrificed. Nor is it even now to be denied that at one time the European's affairs looked very ugly. If the directors had not put a bold front upon the matter, and appealed to their constituents and customers for support, an order to wind up would have been a foregone conclusion, and in that event, the wreckers would forthwith have gathered their forces together for fresh and further onslaughts upon every insurance company occupying a position not absolutely unimpeachable. But they met with successful resistance made in the present case will make getters-up of petitions for the express purpose of preying upon the carcases of institutions with abundant elements of vitality in them, pause before they commence proceedings which may end in their own discomfiture."

The "Morning Advertiser" says—" Vice-Chancellor James has dismissed the petition for the winding-up of the European Life Assurance Company, and for the present it returns as far as possible to its old position. This qualification is a very large one. If the Association retains the confidence of a considerable number of those who as shareholders or policy-holders have invested their money in it, it cannot be doubted that the publicity which has recently been given to it has not been of a character to invite further confidence. While we say this, however, we must add that it stands in a far better position now than it did when the petitions for winding-up were first presented. At that time the 'look out' for all concerned was a very gloomy one. It seemed likely that winding-up would prove an inevitable necessity. We are sincerely glad that, in the opinion of so confident an authority as Vice-Chancellor James, that dire alternative may be avoided."

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OVERLAND CARGO.—The s. s. COLUMBIAN, from Suez, has brought the CARGOES of the following Vessels :—

ACCELERATED CARGO, Ex
s. s. DELHI, from Southampton, 23rd October.
" BANGALORE, from Marseilles, 31st October.

UNACCELERATED CARGO, Ex
" PERA, from Southampton, 16th October.
" ALBANIAN, from Liverpool, 17th October.

ALFRED PARISH,
Acting Superintendent P. & O. S. N. Company.

Bombay, 22nd November 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per ship SALISBURY, from London, are requested to send off Boats alongside at once to admit delivery of their Goods, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain True, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain True will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

THE LONDON, ASIATIC, and AMERICAN Co. (Limited),
Agents for Captain True, ship Salisbury.

Bombay, 23rd November 1869.

MAZAGON LAND AND RECLAMATION COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company (Limited) will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, in Elphinstone Circle, on WEDNESDAY the 8th day of December proximo at 3 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if so determined, confirming the following Resolutions passed at the adjourned Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on the 12th instant :—

"That the Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily."

"That Mr. James Dickson and Mr. Byramjee Cursetjee Ghandy be, and they hereby are, appointed Liquidators of the Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company, Limited, at a remuneration of Rs. 1,000 each."

"That the Liquidators be, and they hereby are, authorized to exercise all the powers given by Section 174 of Act 10 of 1866."

The Transfer Books will be closed on the 7th and 8th December.

By order of the Board of Directors,

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 22nd November 1869.

FRERE LAND COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons having CLAIMS on the above Company are requested to SUBMIT the same to the undersigned for ADJUSTMENT on or before the 20th December 1869, after which date no Claims will be admitted, and the Liquidation of the Company will be finally closed.

BYRAMJEE CURSETJEE, Liquidator.

1, Church Street, 19th November 1869.

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1, Church Street, 19th November 1869.

ROYAL BANK of INDIA (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that on and after the 1st December next, a FOURTH DISTRIBUTION at the rate of Rs. 5 per share, WILL BE PAID to the Registered Shareholders at the Bank's Office in Mosfelar Street.

It is requested that Shareholders should attend in person or appoint Attorneys to collect this Distribution and should bring their Certificates of Shares for Registration.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th instant to the 4th proximo.

By order of the Board, SADANAND BALCRISHNA, Manager.

Bombay, 20th November 1869.

KURRACHEE LANDING and SHIPPING COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance and under the provisions of Section 186 of the Indian Companies Act, A. of 1866, a GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY the 15th day of December 1869, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering and passing the Liquidator's Account, showing the manner in which the winding up of the said Company has been conducted, with the object of making a Return of the same to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies at Bombay for the dissolution of the Company, as contemplated by Section 159 of the said Act.

J. G. TYNDALL, Liquidator.

Kurrachee, 17th November 1869.

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"	1862, 1863, 1864	£123,000 "	£41,000
"	1865, 1866, 1867	£180,745 "	£60,000

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Age next birthday.	Civil. Premium. Annual.	Half-yearly.	Age next birthday.	Military. Premium. Annual.	Half-yearly.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
22	30 7 4	15 3 8	20	34 0 8	17 0 4
30	35 10 8	17 13 4	30	39 14 0	19 15 0
40	44 12 0	22 6 0	40	47 15 4	23 15 8
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TABLES OF RATES FOR ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

Annual Premium for the Assurance of Rs. 1,000 payable to the Representatives of the Assured in the event of Previous death, or to himself on his attaining either of the undermentioned ages :—

Age next birthday.	Civil. Payable at 50 or Death.	Payable at 55 or Death.	Payable at 60 or Death.	Age next birthday.	Military. Payable at 50 or Death.	Payable at 55 or Death.	Payable at 60 or Death.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
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30	57 0 0	46 8 0	40 0 0	30	62 8 0	54 0 0	40 0 0
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Premium for Short Terms and other Assurance will be furnished on application.

1. Policies once issued by this Society are absolutely indisputable except in cases of fraud.

2. Policies in full force during days of grace allowed for payment of premium.

3. Policies which have been in force for 5 years are not liable to forfeiture on account of the temporary inability of the assured to pay the premium, as the Directors will advance the premium as often as the value of the Policy will admit, and allow the amount to remain as a debt against the Policy.

4. Medical Fees paid by Society when the Assurance is for Rs. 2,500 and upwards.

FIDELITY ASSURANCE.

The European Assurance Society is the only Society in India and the Colonies specially empowered by the British Parliament to guarantee the Fidelity of, or become Surety for, Officers of Her Majesty's Naval, Military, and Civil Service, besides Managers, Secretaries, Accountants, Cashiers, Clerks and others holding situations of trust in Banks and public Companies, private Firms, &c.

FIDELITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMBINED.

This method, introduced by the Society, confers important advantages by the Reduction allowed in the Life Premium to the extent of from 50 to 100 per cent. of the Guarantee premium.

AGENTS WANTED AT UP-COUNTRY STATIONS.

Calcutta, 15th November 1869.

FOR SALE, by PRIVATE CONTRACT, COFFEE and GARDENING WORKS on the Malabar Coast.—That well known property called the PULLY COON COFFEE WORKS, lately occupied by Messrs Day and Algar, situate at Pully Coon, near Tellicherry, and consisting of a Dwelling-house, stores, plants, &c., 20,000 square feet of chunamed Barbicue or Drying Ground, and about 10 acres of land planted with Cocoanuts, Teak, and other valuable trees, with every accommodation for the cleaning, garbling, and curing of Coffee. For further particulars apply to Mr. W. G. Mayhew, on the Premises, at Tellicherry, or to

FORBES & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers, Malabar Company (Limited), Bombay.

SALE of JEWELLERY, CLOCKS, WATCHES, FANCY GOODS, &c., &c.—RUSTOMJEE PESTONJEE has received instructions to submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, commencing on THURSDAY next, the 25th November, at 3 o'clock, the remainder of the stock of Messrs. THORNHILL & Co., Watchmakers and Jewellers, at their premises, No. 9, Meadow Street, consisting of English Jewellery of all descriptions, English and Geneva Watches; English, French, and American Clocks; Silver and Plated Goods; Eye-glasses and Spectacles; Opera Glasses; Papier Mache and other Fancy Articles, &c., &c.

Watch and Clock Materials, Shop fittings and Furniture, large Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c., will be sold on FRIDAY the 26th instant.

RUSTOMJEE PESTONJEE, Auctioneer.

22nd November 1869.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that RAHEE REMABAEE, widow of Osmana Moosa, CHAKA JOOMA, SULLAMAN JOOMA and JAHOMED JOOMA, sons and legal representatives of the late Jooma Moosa, have contracted and agreed with MAHOMED HAJEE ABBA, of Bombay, Mahomedan, to SELL to him all that piece or parcel of LAND, with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate and lying in Coppersmith Street, commonly known as Kansar Gully, without the Fort, in Bombay, numbered in the books of the Municipality of Bombay under No. 37 and bounded as follows :—on or towards the east by the property of Janoo Rassum, on or towards the west by a passage and beyond that by the property of Osmoan Hajee Jooma, on or towards the north by the property of Esa Aliana, and on or towards the south by the Coppersmith Row. All persons having any claim against the aforesaid property, either by mortgage, inheritance, succession or otherwise, should make the same known, in writing, to me, at my office, No. 2 Hummum Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed, and he, she, or they will be precluded therefrom.—Dated this 22nd November 1869.

KHUNDERAO MOROJEE,
Solicitor for the Purchaser.

NOTICE is hereby given, that MEMON JOOSUB OOMER, of Bombay, Mahomedan Inhabitant, hath contracted and agreed to mortgage with CANJEE KHETSEY.—Firstly—All that piece or parcel of Fazendaree ground belonging to Nanleebaee, widow of Bomanjee Rustomjee, deceased, together with two messuages, tenements, or ranges or chawls of compartments standing thereon, situate without the Fort, in Bombay, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, on the Parell Road, on the western side thereof, the said chawl being covered with tiles, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 47 and 47A, and the said piece of ground on which the said chawl stands, together with the compound thereof, containing by admeasurement 424 square yards, and bounded as follows :—on or towards the east by the public road called Parell Road, on or towards the west by the property of Cuiber Vizbhcoan Ambrootlal, on or towards the north by the property of Memon Oomer Oosman, and on or towards the south by a Hindu temple. And secondly.—All that piece or parcel of Fazendaree ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, with the range or chawl of buildings, situate without the Fort, in Bombay, on the Parell Road, on the western side thereof, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No 46, and bounded as follows :—on or towards the north by the property of Crushna Ramjee, on or towards the south by the property of the said Memon Jossub Oomer firstly herein described, on or towards the east by the Parell Road, and on or towards the west by the property of Vizbhcoan Ambrootlall. All persons having claims on the aforesaid properties, either by way of mortgage, inheritance, gift, loan or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, at my office, No. 2 Hummum Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the mortgage will be completed, and he, she, or they will be precluded therefrom.—Dated this 22nd November 1869.

KHUNDERAO MOROJEE,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee.

NOTICES.

NOTICE of REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED our BUSINESS from 1 Hummum Street to 9 Church Gate Street, the same house that the Government Telegraph Department has occupied for the last three years.

1st November, 1869. J. & W. WATSON & Co.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION of WESTERN INDIA.—Members are requested to attend a GENERAL MEETING which is convened for next WEDNESDAY afternoon, at half past three o'clock, in the office of Messrs. A. Blascheck & Co., 10 Rampart Row.

The Range is now open, and Markers are in attendance morning and afternoon. D. B. BEVON,
Acting Director R. A. W. I.

Bombay, 19th November, 1869.

BOMBAY, BARODA, and CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

The Great India Peninsula Railway Company having arranged for the Poona Train to leave Boree Bunder at 5-30 P.M., on and after the 23rd instant, the Bandora Train will leave Boree Bunder on and after that day at 2-40 P.M.

By Order,
J. R. DUXBURY,
Traffic Manager.

Fort, 18th November, 1869.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY—I hereby give NOTICE, that an ADJOURNED SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay, WILL BE HELD in the Durbar Room, Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of November, 1869, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, to consider the business left unfinished at the Meeting held on Thursday, the 28th October last, viz, the Budget of the Municipal Commissioner.

C. E. STANGER LEATHES,
Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, 19th November, 1869.

ROBERT GREY & Co., SHIP-BUILDERS and OWNERS of the PATENT SLIP and DRY DOCK, MOULMEIN, BRITISH BURMAH.—The SLIP is one of the largest size, and can haul up vessels of 1,200 tons burthen can be thoroughly repaired and examined on it.

The Dry Dock is capable of taking in Steamers of 300 feet in length. Receipt of all descriptions of iron and wooden ships made under European superintendency experienced workmen.

Charges made on the Calcutta scale for work and material, except Teakwood, which we supply at 25 per cent. below Calcutta rates. ROBERT GREY & Co.

September, 1869.

THE FRAMJEE COWASJEE PATENT PRESS COMPANY.—NOTICE is hereby given, that at the GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, to be held on TUESDAY the 23rd instant, the following Resolutions will be submitted :—

Resolved, that the Meeting immediately proceed to elect two additional Directors to act together with the present Board of Directors in the further management of the Company's business. Resolved, that the compensation to each Director for attending the Monthly Board Meetings be increased from Rs. 60 to Rs. 100. Resolved, that Clause 55 of the Company's Deed of Partnership be, and is, hereby altered by substituting therein the words Rs. 15 instead of Rs. 30.

MARTIN, YOUNG, & Co., Managers.

Bombay, 17th November, 1869.

THE FRAMJEE COWASJEE PATENT PRESS COMPANY.—NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be HELD at the Offices of the Company, No.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET dull, without much change. Some inquiry for Bank of Bombay, 1st and 2nd issues, at Rs. 25 and 22 per cent. premium, respectively.

CALCUTTA.—17TH NOVEMBER, 1869.

Government Securities.—The transactions reported to-day were at the following prices:—4 per cents, at Rs 94-0 or 6-0 discount; Public Works 5 per cents a small lot, at Rs 102-12; 5 per cents, of 1856-57, Rs 106-0 and small pieces at Rs 108-2 to 108-4; 5½ per cents at Rs 112-10 and small sums at Rs 112-12.

6 per cent. Municipal Debentures, in small amounts, sold at Rs 107-4.

Bank of Bengal shares, two or three small lots were bought at Rs. 1,565.

East Indian Railway Stock was purchased, for an order, at Rs 244 per £20.

A time-bargain contract for Port Canning Land Investment, &c., Co.'s shares took place at Rs 340, for delivery in one month.
—*Englishman.*

(FROM TOULMIN'S WEEKLY CIRCULAR, NOV. 16.)

THE month of November is the quietest month of the year for export business in Bengal, because the crops are mostly gathered during the cold season and shipped before this date, and, but for the Jute Crop being an early one, business would indeed have been dull during the past three months, for all the other export staples have been in unusually small supply for several months now. In addition to these causes the market has been rendered inactive owing to the breakdown in the telegraphic communication with Europe, which has now been in irregular working order for ages-wards of two months, and as yet there is no official information whatever as to the length of time this intolerable state of things is to last.

It was expected that the Indigo season '69-70 would have opened yesterday, but, owing to the non-arrival of the produce from the interior, the first public sale is postponed for a few days.

Forward sales of New Bengal Cotton for December, January, and February delivery have been brought to a stand, in consequence of the unexpected improved position of the staple at Liverpool, as also the high price of Cotton in the interior.

EXCHANGE ON LONDON.—Quite unexpectedly the rates have slightly declined during the week, and it is even supposed that a still further fall is possible, although during the next three months the whole crop of Indigo will have to be financed for, besides the usual requirements for the Rice Ports. Referring to quotations on the other side, which exhibit a fall of 1/16d on the rates ruling last mail.

FREIGHTS.—Last week's quotations to Great Britain have ruled pretty steady all the week, with the exception of Jute, which for quick shipment declined to £2-17-6; the old rate, however, is again established, viz., £3. In regard to the future the general opinion still appears to be that current rates are likely to be maintained. The unlisted tonnage in Port has increased during the week from 5,400 tons to 8,250. For America the rate has further advanced half a dollar, viz., dlrs 13 for both deadweight and measurement goods.

INDIGO.—There is no change since last mail, and no further sales for arrival have been reported. The samples of the New Crop which have arrived from Tirhoot and Chuprah are in most cases inferior inequality to those of last season. The public sales are expected to commence in a few days.

CALCUTTA FREIGHT MARKET.

There was so small a business transacted in the Freight Market last week, which included two holidays, that we delayed issuing our report till to-day, in the hope of having some additional information to give.

Shippers had previously made large engagements, and had fully supplied themselves with tonnage, so in fact there was no business doing at all, and if there had been, there was but one ship to fix.

The Stirling Castle remained for several days the only British vessel in port unfixed; latterly, however, there have been a few arrivals of long overdue ships.

Yesterday (Monday) the market was as dull as can possibly be imagined, shippers either declined to make any offers at all, or named very low rates. Shipowners, on the other hand, were firm, and declined all offers. We suppose, as usual, there will be a good demand in a few days, when present shipping orders and charters are worked off.

For London.—A moderate business was done in Jute at £3 per ton last week; but for immediate shipment £2-17-6 per ton had to be accepted. Rape Seed was stood at £3 per ton, but Linseed was not obtainable. Poppy Seed was shipped at £2-7-6 per ton. There was an active demand for Saltpetre tonnage, but the rate has not advanced beyond 10s. per ton. There is no Rice nor Sugar obtainable, and Ballast is still very dear and scarce. Large quantities of Tea are being shipped at £5 per ton, and Hides at £3-5 per ton. The Balkamah iron ship has taken the berth. Yesterday's quotations were Rape Seed £3 per ton; Jute £3 per ton; Saltpetre 10s. per ton; Light Freight £3 to £3-2-6 per ton.

For Liverpool.—There are four vessels at present loading, three at least requiring the greater part of their cargoes, and there is nothing offering at present quotations. We quote Jute at £2-15 per ton, Linseed at £2-7-6 per ton, Cotton at £3 per ton. An advance has been paid on Saltpetre, viz. 15s. per ton.

For Havre.—The Caranjah, 980 tons, British built, has been chartered at £3-5 per ton, cargo to consist of 400 tons Rape Seed, and balance light and measurement goods. The Winchester and Badama (F.) are also loading for this destination.

For the United States.—There has been a good demand, and very little tonnage available, and the rate for New York has advanced to dlrs 14 per ton all round. The Whittier engaged 700 tons Seeds, and measurement goods, and 35 tons Saltpetre at dlrs 13 per ton. Lizzie (4), 200 tons Linseed at dlrs 12 per ton. Emily Farnum, 150 tons Light Freight at dlrs 12 per ton.

For Dundee we have no further charter to report, the demand is slack, though one vessel is wanted at a moderate rate. The ship Dundee, after laying here for months, has received orders to load on owners' account.

The country trade is as dull and unprofitable as ever.

The Alabama, Indian Trader, 948 tons, has been engaged for transporting coolies to Mauritius at Rs. 55 per head, and has taken ballast rice at 14 annas per bag.

For Cochin.—The American ship Kadosh, 670 tons, chartered for a cargo of grain at Rs. 1-9-6 per bag.

For Bombay, we quote Rs. 13 to Rs. 14 per ton, but business is confined entirely to re-let orders. Colombo rates are 15 to 16 annas per bag.

For the Rice Ports no transactions.

CHARTERS.

Stirling Castle, 1,165 tons, iron, after treating for London finally closed for New York at dlrs 12½ per ton, being a decline of half a dollar; cargo to consist of 200 tons Saltpetre, ½ to ¾ Linseed, and balance measurement goods.

ENGAGEMENTS.

For London—City of Hankow, 500 Bales Hides, at £3-2-6, 1,000 Chests Tea at £3 per ton, and 50 tons Jute at £3 per ton. Star of Green, 100 tons Jute at £3 per ton, 400 Bales Hides at £3-2-6, and 400 Chests Tea at £3 per ton. Marpesia, 300 tons Jute at £3 per ton, 25 tons Poppy Seed at £3-10 per ton. Sarah and Emma, 25 tons Saltpetre at 15s. per ton, and 50 tons Cotton at £3 per ton. West Ridge, 200 tons Jute at £3 per ton. Balkamah, 500 tons Jute at £3 per ton, 600 Bales Jute waste, at £3 per ton, 150 tons Saltpetre at 10s per ton. Aphrodite, 50 tons Poppy Seed at £3-7-6 per ton. Cholula, 70 tons Jute at £3 per ton and 160 tons at £2-17-6 per ton to fill up. Gitana, 50 tons Jute at £3 per ton. Astræan, 200 tons Jute at £2-17 6 per ton. Eurydice, 100 tons Jute at £2-17-6 per ton to fill up.

For Liverpool.—Evangeline, 200 tons Jute Cutting at £2-15, and 125 tons Saltpetre at 15s. per ton.

Vessels not fixed.—Ranee, 1,263; Sparkenhoe, 1,224; Lord Clyde, 1,070; Daphne, 994; Newcastle, 1,137 tons; Trevelyan, 1,042; City of Bombay, 491 tons.

Foreign vessels not fixed.—Anita, F. 633.

Loading for London.—City of Hankow, 1,144; Star of Greece, 1,289; Sarah and Emma, 1,00; Nile, 1,126; West Bridge, 1,400; Gitana, 1,328; Cholula, 1,093; Peeress, 777; King Arthur, 1,221; Walter Baine, 886; Astræan, 1,152; Eurydice, 1,031; Marpesia, 1,443; Balkamah, 1,578; T. A. Gibb, Str. 1,000.

Loading for Liverpool.—Furness Abbey, 1,200 tons; Gilbert Thomson, 1,061 tons; Evangeline, 935 tons; and Berhampore, 1,061 tons.

Number of British ships not fixed	.....	7	tonnage	7,021 tons.
Foreign " "	.....	1	"	633 "
Total " "	.....	8	"	8,254 "

CARRINGTON & Co.,
4, Clive Street.
November 16th, 1869.

CHINA.

HONGKONG, 1st Nov.

OPIUM.—Patna, New,	...	...	$622½
Old,	...	...	
Benares, New,	...	...	490
Old,	...	...	
Malwa,	...	...	640
Persian,	...	...	550 nom.
COTTON.—Bombay,	...	...	18½ a 23
Calcutta,	...	...	17 a 22

EXCHANGE & BULLION.

(*Bank Rates.*)

On London, 6 months' sight Bank Bills, 4/5 a 4/6.
Private Bills, 4/6.
with Documents, 4/6.
On Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 225.
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 225.
Specie, of 100 touch, per cent. prem.
Gold Leaf, 100 touch, $23.15 per tael.
Bar Silver, 7½ per cent., prem. nom.

CARGOES.

Cargo per mail steamer Salsette—	Silk. Bales.	S. W. Cases.	Eggs. Cases.
For England	1,101	36	—
For France	209	1	54
For Alexandria	—	—	110
For Bombay	30	250	—
For do.	5½ lakhs specie.		

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY, LIMITED.

Statement of the affairs of the Bank, on 20th November, 1869.

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Proprietors' Capital paid up	50,00,000
Subscription on account of new Capital	2,50,000
General Treasury Balance	25,09,900
Deposits at Head Office	2,23,60,547
Deposits at Branches	18,39,520
Bank Post Bills outstanding	1,76,680
Reserve	1,28,616
Undrawn Cash Credits	6,42,528
	Rs. 3,36,46,491

ASSETS.

Government Securities		32,09,424
Loans at Head Office and Branches on Govt. Securities,		
Bullion, Goods and Metals	5,80,681	
Credit Accounts at do. on Govt. Securities	17,17,639	
Bills Discounted and purchased at do.	46,76,427	
Dead Stock	4,67,683	
Less written off	20,000	
		4,47,683
Stamps		6,120
Balances with Agents & Correspondents		25,24,877
Overdrafts		4,409
Cash & Currency Notes at Head Office		1,40,08,722
Do. do. at Branches		96,99,0 0
Bullion at H. O. and Branches		7,72,090
		Rs. 3,36,46,491

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 22.

Annesley, Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Corps, on privilege leave, from Mahableshwar.
Hyde, Assistant Surgeon, 2-10th Foot, on privilege leave, from Secunderabad.
Robertson, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from Nussecrabad.
Stileman, Lieutenant Colonel, 15th Regiment N. I., on furlough, from England.
Gaitskell, Ensign, 2-10th Foot, on duty, from England.
Dobbs, Ensign, 2-10th Foot, on duty, from England.
Astley, Major, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Poona.
Blaan, Assistant Surgeon, Superintendent of Vaccination, on duty, from England.
Macbean, Lieutenant Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, on sick certificate, from Kussowlee.
Hawkins, Colonel, 14th Brigade Royal Artillery, on duty, from Ahmedabad.
Woodhouse, Major, Staff Corps, on sick certificate, from England.
Atkins, Lieutenant, 6th B. N. I., on duty, from England.
Meade, Colonel, Agent to G. G. Central India, on leave, from England.
Lever, Assistant Surgeon, 7th Hussars, on private leave, from England.
Stevens, Lieutenant, 1st Light Cavalry, on furlough, from England.
Drummond, Lieutenant, 2nd Assistant Superintendent Police, Khandesh, on medical certificate, from England.
Probyn, Captain, Invalid Establishment, on furlough, from England.

DEPARTURES.—NOVEMBER 22.

Sheppard, Major, 2nd Grenadiers, on leave, to Ascomphur.
Tobin, Assistant Surgeon, Royal Artillery, 14th Brigade, on duty, to England.
Gaitskell, Ensign, 2-10th Foot, on duty to Secunderabad.
Dobbs, Ensign, 2-10th Foot, on duty to Secunderabad.
Wilson, Lieutenant, 28th Cameronians, on duty, to England.
Hunter, Captain, 3rd Hussars, on sick leave, to England.
Carroll, Assistant Surgeon, 11th Regiment, on sick leave, to England.
Astley, Major, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Aden.
Atkins, Lieut-nant, 6th B. N. I., on duty to Jubjgoree.
Hawkins, Colonel, 14th Brigade Royal Artillery, on duty, to England.
Fraser, Captain, Staff Corps, to rejoin, to Vingoria.
Berthon, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, to England.
Olden, Staff Assistant Surgeon, British Medical Service, on duty, to Poona.
Crane, Captain, 2-6 th Rifles, on sick leave, to England.
Hudleston, Lieutenant, Madras Staff Corps, on sick leave, to England.
Horsburgh, Lieutenant, General List, B. Cavalry, on sick leave, to England.
Dawson, Major, Royal Artillery, on sick leave, to England.

BOMBAY ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

POONA, 20th November, 1869.

The following orders are confirmed:—

Deolalee Depot Order—(a) Dated 12th November, 1869, appointing 1704 Acting Corporal Henry Smith, 2nd Battalion 1st Foot, Orderly Room Clerk to the Depot, with effect from the 28th October last, vice Jackson, 2nd Battalion 1st Foot, reduced for misconduct.

Deolalee Depot Order—(a) Dated 25th October 1869, appointing Acting Sergeant Collis, 106th Foot, Provost Sergeant to the Depot, with effect from the 1st November 1869, vice Jeffery, 108th Foot, who rejoins his regiment.

18th Regiment N I—(a) Regimental Order, dated 1st October 1869, appointing Lieutenant Browne, Wing Subaltern, to officiate as Adjutant, vice Lieutenant Scott, proceeded on medical certificate.

(c) Regimental Order, dated 23rd October, 1869, directing Lieutenant Browne to perform the duties of Quarter Master in addition to his own.

(c) Regimental Order, dated 23rd October 1869, directing Major Marsh, Officiating Wing Officer, to officiate as Second in Command, in addition to his own duties, vice Major Hutchison, proceeded on medical certificate.

6th Regiment N I—Regimental Order, dated 2nd October, 1869, appointing Major Rice to officiate as Commandant, Major Abbey as Second in Command, and Lieutenant Reay, as Wing Officer in addition to his own duties, from the 4th to the 30th October inclusive, in succession to Colonel Richards, proceeded on medical certificate.

Mhow Division Order.—Dated 17th November 1869, directing Ensign Showers, 95th Foot, to perform the duties of Staff officer at Indore, in addition to his own, vice Lieutenant Yates, sick, proceeded on medical certificate.

With reference to G. O. No. 887 of the 27th September last, Staff Assistant Surgeon H Sherlock will proceed to England per troop ship Jumna on the 23rd instant.

The undermentioned Officers have obtained leave of absence, subject to confirmation by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India:—

Royal Engineers.—Lieutenant C Cunningham, to proceed to England by the Overland route, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

1st Battalion 8th Foot—Ensign N Vibart, to proceed to England by the Overland route, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

2nd Battalion 60th Foot—Captain J R Crane, to proceed to England, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

85th Foot—Lieutenant J Smith, to proceed to England by the Overland route for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

88th Foot—Lieutenant H G Bowen, to proceed to England by the Overland route, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

91st Foot—Captain W Fleming, to proceed to England by the Overland route, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

104th Foot—Lieutenant J S Mordaunt, and Quarter Master S S Elson, to proceed to England by the Overland route, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board.

These Officers are not available for duty with troops, and will on arrival report themselves to the Adjutant General Horse Guards.

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave of absence:—

16th Brigade R. A.—Captain and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel J Sinclair, for 30 days, from date of departure, proceed to the sea coast, on medical certificate.

1st Battalion 21st Foot—Lieutenant C R Walker, from 13th November to 1st December 1869, in extension, to remain at Ghirree, on medical certificate.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Sahee.ki-Huttee, 8th November 1869.

SOLDIER CLERKS.

As in many parts of this Command Military Staff Officers find a difficulty in procuring efficient Establishments for their Offices without assistance from the ranks of the Army, the Commander-in-Chief, with the permission of the Government of India, sanctions the detachment of Soldiers from their corps when necessary, for the purpose of filling such appointments in the Offices specified in the margin [Offices—1. Assistant Adjutant General. 2. Assistant and Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General. 3. Brigade Majors. 4. Artillery Division and District Offices. 5. Station Staff Offices 6. Fort Adjutants. 7. District Inspectors of Musketry] on the following conditions which must be rigidly adhered to:—

1st. The consent of the Commanding Officer must be obtained, this having especial reference to the alienation of Non-commissioned Officers from their proper duties.

2nd. Generally the men so employed should belong to regiments stationed in the Division or District administered by the Staff Officers.

3rd. On the removal of a corps from a Division or District Command, a Soldier employed in a Staff office belonging to such Command will generally rejoin his regiment, unless special permission to the contrary be allowed from Head Quarters.

4th. If the man's corps is not at the station where the Staff Office is established, he will be attached to some other corps of the same arm, if possible, at such station. He will live in barracks, being subject to regimental discipline as distinguished from his official employment. He will attend church and muster parades, but will not otherwise fall in with the regiment whether it is his own or that to which he may be attached. No Soldier can be so employed, who has not passed out of the third class in Muketry instruction.

5th. The employment in Staff Offices gives no claim to transfer to the Unattached List, and the Staff pay of the men employed as aforesaid will be a matter of contract between the Staff Officers and the Soldiers, without any claim on the State from the latter.

MINOR PUNISHMENTS.

As some misapprehension may exist in respect to the rules for the infliction of minor punishments in the Native Army, in consequence of the publication of Act V. of 1869 (Indian Articles of War,) His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief directs it to be notified, that the rules on this subject, contained in G. O. C. C. 14th August 1865, and G. O. No. 266 of the 8th September 1868 are still in force, (except the portions of paras. 6, 7, 8 and 11 of the order, relating to the forfeiture of good conduct pay, for which provision is made by the 165th of the Indian Articles of War,) and should in all cases continue to be applied, until further orders.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

(*Fort St. George Gazette*, Nov. 16.)

Mr. J. D. Sim. C. S. I., 1st Member of the Board of Revenue, is granted extension of leave to the end of March 1870.

Lieutenant C. J. B. Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem District, for two months in extension of leave.

Lieutenant and Assistant Commissary F. Graham, Assistant Engineer of the second grade, three months' privilege leave.

Mr. John Cameron to act as Head Assistant to the Collector and Magistrate of Malabar, during the employment of Mr. H. Sewell on other duty or until further orders.

Mr. E. M. MacGregor, Deputy Collector and Magistrate of the 4th Class, to be posted to the Coimbatore District for general duties.

Captain John Macdougall, Madras Staff Corps, to act as Cantonment Magistrate at Bellary, during the absence of Captain G. H. Oakes on leave, or until further orders.

The Reverend Augustus Clifford Bell, M. A., Assistant Chaplain, Church of Scotland, to be Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon-Major Edward Samuel Tribe, Garrison Surgeon, Bellary, to be Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, with temporary rank, during the absence on furlough (medical certificate) of Deputy Inspector General R. H. Rennick, until further orders.

Subadar-Major Goseman Khan, of the Body Guard, to be Native Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor, vice Subadar-Major Veerasawmy, Sirdar Bahadoor, deceased.

The following promotions are made, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

40th N. I.—Lieutenant William Moore Lane (Captain Staff Corps,) to be Captain from 3rd May 1869.—Higginson, retired.

4th N. I.—Major William James Jones, (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain Charles Thomas Harkness (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Major, and Lieutenant Colin Mackenzie (Captain in Staff Corps,) to be Captain from 14th Aug. 1869.—Vice Gordon, retired.

23rd L. I.—Major John Frederick Stoddard (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain (Brevet-Major) William Henry Apostoly Butler, to be Major, and Lieutenant Peter Arding Van Homrigh (Captain in Staff Corps,) to be Captain from 14th August 1869.—Vice Jones, promoted and removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry.

44th N. I.—Major Edward James Lawder (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain William Cornwallis Phillips (Lieutenant Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Major, and Lieutenant Thomas Lowndes (Captain in Staff Corps,) to be Captain from 14th August 1869.—Vice Stoddard, promoted and removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry.

30th N. I.—Major Frederick Nepean Smith (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain William Edward White (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Major, and Lieutenant Edward Hill Ratcliff Chambers (Captain in Staff Corps,) to be Captain from 14th August 1869.—Vice Lawder, promoted and removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry.

19th N. I.—Major (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) Arthur Noel Hill Lynch, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain Henry Hilhouse Firth (Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps,) to be Major, and Lieutenant Norman Donald Robertson Captain in Staff Corps) to be Captain, from 14th August 1869.—Vice Smith, promoted and removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry.

Colonel Sir A. T. Wilde, K. C. B. and C.S.I., Officiating Military Secretary to Government, is granted privilege leave of absence for 30 days, from the 24th November.

The appointment of Captain T. R. Church, of the Staff Corps, to act as Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, is without prejudice to his appointment as Acting Adjutant of the Madras Volunteer Guards.

Madras Staff Corps.—The following Promotions are made subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

To be Captains from the dates specified against their names, having completed 12 years' service.

Lieutenants John Ward and Thomas Devanport Chatterton, 4th November 1869.

Lieutenant Lovell Bowles Byass, 5th November 1869.

The A and C Batteries 9th Brigade Royal Artillery are brought on the strength of the Madras Establishment from the 1st November 1869 the date of their arrival at Bombay from England, per Troop Ship Euphrates.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
21	Oberon	Spur	Calcutta, Sept. 18.
22	Salsette (s)	Tomlin	Hongkong, Nov. 2.
	Koina (s)	Sullivor	Bassorah, Nov. 6.
	Salisbury	True	London, Aug. 6.
	Annie	Baker	Rangoon, Oct. 16.
	Pearl (s)	Baldwin	Cutch, Nov. 20.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
22	Mazabon (s)	Hibbert	Kurrachee.
	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Dupuy	Goa.

The steamer Phlox, to Coast and Goa, began to load yesterday.

BENGAL.

The telegraph of November 17th has the following:—

Particulars of vessel previously announced.—Ship Goldfinder, B., James E Higgins, Liverpool 15th July.

DEPARTURE.—Steamer Ethiopia.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.—November 17th New Era, — London, and Lalla Rookh, W Wilson, Liverpool.

DEPARTURE.—November 17th Genl. Caulfield, — London.

Passengers arrived per ship Lalla Rookh—Mr and Mrs Howell and child.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba, Latitude—18° 53′ 20″ N., long 4h. 51m. 16s. E. Height of Barometer above the Sea=37 feet.

Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations on

November 20.

Barometer, corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	·918 inches.
Temperature of the Air	80·6 ,,
Wet Bulb Thermometer	70·5 ,,
Dew Point	65·5 ,,
Relative Humidity of Air	·613 ,,
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=0)	0·0 ,,
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9½ A.M.)	
on following days	87·9 ,,
Minimum do. do.	76·3 ,,
Gen. Direction of Wind NE, ENE, NW, NNW.	
Movement in 24 hours	331 miles

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS.

BROWNE—November 21st, the wife of J. R. Browne, Esq., M.D., of a son.

FISCHER—November 21st, the wife of F. Fischer, Esq., of a daughter.

MORRIS—November 19th, [at Mazagon, the wife of A. F. Morris, Esq., of a son.

MADRAS.

BIRTH.

KIRKPATRICK—November 16th, at No. 5 St. Marks Square, Bangalore, the wife of Surgeon Major J. Kirkpatrick, M.D., of a son.

DEATH.

JOACHIM—November 4th, at Hingolee, Deccan, Mr. E. F. Joachim, Civil Surgeon Basim, West Berar, aged 48 years and 7 months.

COPPER PLATE PRINTING, ENGRAVING, &c.—VISITING CARDS, Invitation Cards, Wedding Cards and Envelopes, Cheques, Bills of Lading, Office and Bank Seals, Seals for Stamping Envelopes, &c., engraved to order, and at moderate prices. Specimens may be seen at the Office of the Bombay Gazette Press.

NOTICE.

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The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1869.

THE current number of the *Edinburgh Review* contains an article on "Indian Judges, British and Native," which like so many disquisitions published at home with the best intentions, is likely to create false impressions. The gist of it is a studied, though, no doubt, quite conscientious depreciation of civilian judges, both in the lower and the higher posts of the service, but the reviewer does not clearly indicate what remedies should be adopted to remove evils, some of which have indeed no existence. In the first place we may remark that the imperfections of our Mofussil judges furnish no new theme, and we cannot indulge in the hope that they will ever be so completely remedied as to leave no field for criticism. Even in England, with all the advantages possessed by lawyers, there are some indifferent judges. But so much has been done of late years in India that we may fairly describe the article in the *Edinburgh Review* as out of date, and neither altogether correct in its facts, nor logical in its conclusions.

Thus the Reviewer is wrong in his assertion that the Government of this country deliberately discourages the study of law, as a useless, if not mischievous, study for a judge. The Government, in its legislative capacity, has produced the most scientific Penal Code, and, perhaps, the best Procedure Codes in the world; and the Law Commissioners at home are engaged in drawing up a code of substantive Civil Law for India which, judging from the chapters already published, is likely to form a model for a similar codification in England. Then as regards the training of its judges, the Government does all that it can to fit civilians for their work. Having passed the competitive enhanced examination, they are kept two years in England at the expense of the Government; they are made to attend the courts of law and send in reports of the cases; and they are subjected to half-yearly examinations in law. When they come to this country they undergo further examinations; and when they have once entered the judicial branch of the service, they certainly have every encouragement to learn as much law as they can. Their work comes under the constant supervision of the High Court, which is no enemy to the study of law; and the system of promotion by seniority being in a great measure exploded, their advancement depends very much on the reputation which they may acquire for legal knowledge. The Government may be wrong in choosing their judges from the Civil Service—we do not think they are—but if the system be right, there is no ground of reproach against the Government for not making the best of their materials.

Assuming, for the present, that the system is right, let us consider what the training is to which the civilian is subjected. As we have said, he has two years of the English law courts, and English law examination. It is a pity that his time during these two years should not be devoted more exclusively to the study of law, and less to the study of Oriental langnages, which can, of course, be learnt more quickly and better in India than in England. This mistake, we believe, has been frequently represented to the Civil Service examiners, and the representations will probably soon have their effect. And what is the successful competitor's career when he comes out to India? Take our own Presidency, for in this respect, as in many others, it leads the way. The system in Bengal, with which alone the Reviewer is acquainted, merits all his animadversions. There it has always been the practice to make a collector into a judge, a judge into a commissioner of customs, or a member of the Revenue Board, and then to promote him to a seat on the bench of the High Court. But in Bombay this evil practice has been exploded for at least ten years; and from a correspondence which has lately passed between the Government of India and our local Government, it appears that the Bengallees have at length been convinced of the evil of their ways; intend to follow the example of Bombay, and to form a separate judicial branch of the service. Well, having arrived in Bombay and passed in two languages, the young civilian is appointed an assistant to a collector and magistrate. In this position it is not true, as the Reviewer says, that he simply learns to collect taxes. He becomes acquainted with the system of police and with the duties of a magistrate, with the working of the magisterial courts, and the whole course of criminal procedure from the apprehension of a criminal to his committal for trial before the court of session. This is a most important part of his training. Now, as a judge, it will be his duty to criticise the proceedings of the police, to supervise the proceedings of the magistrates, and to hear appeals from their decisions. We do not hesitate to say that a sessions judge would be at a great disadvantage if he had never been a magistrate. After having been at this work for two or three years; after having passed examinations in the Codes, the Law of Evidence and other matters, and also in regard to his general knowledge of his magisterial duties, he is required to elect whether he will continue in the revenue line or join the judicial branch of the service. The reviewer says it is almost certain that all the good men in the service will choose the non-judicial line; because, if he continue in that branch, a man may aspire to be Governor General, while if he abandon it, the scope of his ambition terminates in the High Court with a judgeship. In practice this is not found to be the case. We have, indeed, heard of one civilian who, in the palmy days of Sir Bartle Frere, declined to enter the judicial line, because governors never chosen from that branch of her service; but ordinary men are not influenced much by such remote objects of ambition. A man chooses the judicial line because promotion in that branch happens for the time to be better, or because his wife does not like district life, or because the baby is teething, and it is not good for it to be in the jungles beyond the reach of the doctor, or because his own seat in the saddle is uncertain, and he cares nothing for the delight of snipe shooting, or, finally, and most commonly, because he prefers a sedentary life and intellectual labours to the more active and rough employment of a revenue officer. Of late years, and since the competition system has brought to India a class of men who are fonder of books, and less fond of pig-sticking than were their Haileybury predecessors, there is no sign of any disinclination on the part of the more intellectual men to adopt the judicial line as their profession. Having chosen this line, a man is appointed an assistant judge, after six or seven years a judge, and after a similar interval, perhaps, a judge of the High Court. During the whole of this period he is engaged in the administration of the law, and we cannot agree with the Reviewer, that the generality of men thus engaged do not care to improve themselves by the study of the law, or that they are "cut off from all hope of ever bettering their condition in this respect.' It is absurd and contrary to all experience, to suppose that men, of at least average intellectual ability, who deliberately choose a profession, will not, as a rule, whether for their own satisfaction in the performance of their duties, or from the love of approbation, or from the desire of advancement, endeavour to improve themselves by studying the science of their profession. The Reviewer mournfully contrasts the scientific labours of Sir Erskine Perry and Mr. Justice Holloway in the High Courts of Bombay and Madras with the ignorance and indifference of Mofussil judges. He is evidently ignorant that Mr. Holloway is himself a civilian judge; that his training has been in the Mofussil; and that he has acquired, by his own unassisted efforts, and in the intervals of work, that knowledge which causes him to be regarded, by general consent, as one of the best judges who ever sat on the Indian bench. Mr. Holloway is a brilliant instance, but not a solitary instance of a civilian who has devoted himself successfully to the study of law. We believe that most civilian judges have, of late years, studiously endeavoured to comprehend the law which they administer, and the principles on which it is founded—with the natural result that, as a body, they do their work very fairly.

This does not appear to be a very high standard, nor is it. A man who is brought out to India young—and civilians must be brought out young—who has had none of that practice at the bar which is the best of all trainings for the bench, and who becomes a judge when in England he would be still a junior at the bar, must necessarily be far from a perfect judge. All that you can expect of him is that he should be upright, conscientious, and laborious, acquainted with the language and habits of the people, not ignorant of the revenue system of the country, experienced in the working of the civil and criminal courts subordinate to him, thoroughly versed in the Statute Law which he has to administer, and desirous, to the best of his ability, and so far as he has leisure, to make himself acquainted with the broad principle of jurisprudence. We think that the Civil Service does supply some such Judges.

The practical question is not whether we have a perfect article, but whether we can get a better article for our money? Abolish civilian judges, and whom are you to put in their place? The cry used to be, "Put in lawyers." Now, we have no doubt that, in some respects, a professional lawyer would make a far better judge than a civilian. Few lawyers, as the Reviewer says, study law scientifically, but the advantage of practice at the bar, as a training for the bench, can hardly be exaggerated. If an eminent lawyer, in good practice, would consent to be a Mofussil judge, he might, perhaps, even without a knowledge of the language, administer justice better than any civilian, and if he would learn the language, he would certainly do so. But what barrister of any eminence in Bombay would ever dream of going as judge to Dhoolia or Ahmedabad, even if he were supplied with the most efficient and expensive staff of interpreters and translators? Or if he went there, how long would he stay, and how much of the language would he learn?

The Reviewer does not advocate the idea of substituting professional lawyers for civilian judges. The alternative which he recommends is the substitution of natives. This proposition opens out a very broad field for discussion, and one which it is impossible for us to traverse in all its length and breadth; but we will go a little further than the Reviewer, who stops short almost at the threshhold, saying that it is not part of his object to consider what may be the political results of such a step. It is not, perhaps, necessary to consider the political results, but it is clear that, in a country governed as this is, we cannot, in estimating the advantages of native agency, exclude from consideration everything except intellectual fitness. It is undeniable that the natives have an extraordinary natural aptitude for law, that they make excellent pleaders, and that some of them would make excellent judges. But no one would seriously propose to take a pleader of the High Court and make him a district judge. It must be remembered that the duties of a district judge involve a supervision of the proceedings of the magistrates and the hearing of appeals from their decisions; even now, when the judge is a senior member of their own service, the magistrates are not always as submissive as they might be, and the High Court has frequently to interpose for the purpose of calming their dissensions. What would it be if the judge were a native? We do not say that this ought to make any difference, but no one can doubt that it would be so. The problem of setting natives over Europeans and securing from the latter respect and obedience, has yet to be solved, and under the present constitution of the Civil Service must be solved, but the more gradually it is solved the better.

And this brings us to what is, for the present at all events, an insuperable objection to the Reviewer's proposals. Every judgeship and assistant judgeship in the regulation provinces is, by Act of Parliament, reserved to the Covenanted Civil Service. Now it may be said that a close Civil Service is an abuse; and that, as the reviewer asserts, it is our duty to the natives to put them into every office for which they show themselves better qualified than a European. This may be true, but it is not practical. The close Civil Service is an institution which will not be abolished now. If you throw open to the natives of this country, (otherwise than by entrance into the Civil Service), any of the appointments which are now reserved to the Civil Service, you break faith with those who have already entered the service, and you, *pro tanto*, diminish the attractions of the service to others, and so get less competition and a worse class of men. It is idle to talk, as the Reviewer does, in connection with this subject, of the honour and good faith of England, and of our solemn assurances to the natives that we will employ them as far as possible. The simple and practical answer to this is, "All these appointments are open to the natives if they choose to enter the Civil Service." We do not say that the answer pleases us. Perhaps it would have been much better if the Government out here had been left to select, for high office, natives of tried ability and integrity, and not that every sharp young Baboo should be able to enter the Civil Service by competition and claim high office as a right. But it has been done, and will not be undone. Every year more and more natives will enter the Civil Service; and it is possible that, as the Reviewer says, but not for the reasons he gives, the time will come when the judicial bench will be occupied by natives, almost to the exclusion of Europeans. The Indian Government, perhaps, will prefer to employ the native members of the Civil Service in judicial work rather than to put them in executive charge of districts, where in critical times, such as those of 1857, it could hardly be expected that they should show the courage and determination which are required in the face of a great emergency. If we must have native judges it is to be

HYDERABAD RACES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

THE NAWAB SALAR JUNG'S PLATE—1½ mile. Walked over by Nicholas.

THE ARAB HANDICAP—1½ mile. Time 2 minutes 58 seconds.

Nicholas	1
Aga	2
Miskeen	3

THE GREY BEARD PURSE—2 miles. Walked over by Nicholas.

THE DECCAN STAKES—2 miles. Walked over by Sail of the Fleet.

FOR ALL MAIDEN GALLOWAYS—1½ mile. Time 2 minutes 30 seconds.

King David	1
Zaufer	2
Thurlby	3

SIXTH RACE for all English and Australian horses. The whole course. Did not come off.

THE AUCTION STAKES—1½ mile. Walked over by Albourne.

THE GALLOWAY HANDICAP—1½ mile. Time 3 minutes 32 seconds.

Hopshee	1
Syed Ahmed	2
Thurlby	3

PONY RACE—½ a mile. Did not come off.

The Resident handed H. E. Sir Salar Jung and Nawab Shum-shoqm-ool-Rao to and from the race building. A Gymkhanna followed in the afternoon.

COTTON CULTIVATION IN THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

REMARKS BY THE COTTON COMMISSIONER.

On comparing the returns now received with those furnished by the Collectors last year, exclusive of Ahmedabad, for which no returns were given, I find that (with the exception of those for *Belgaum*, *Dharwar*, *Kulladghee* and *Poona*, which are correct) considerable discrepancy exists in the number of acres shown to have been cultivated with cotton in 1868-69. The differences are as follows:—

NORTHERN DIVISION.	Total number of acres as given last year, for 1868-69.	Total number of acres as given this year, for 1869-70.
Kaira	10,420	11,738
Broach	133,000	153,079
Khandeish	425,100	426,639
Surat	91,743	46,672
	786,260	761,428
	24,832 difference	
SOUTHERN DIVISION.		
Ahmednuggur	12,130	9,894
Sattara	46,188	45,953
Sholapore	67,679	67,553
	126,000	123,400
	2,600 difference	

It will thus be seen that in the two sets of returns, namely, those furnished last year for 1868-69, and those now supplied for the same period, there is a difference amounting to upwards of 24,000 acres.

If the present returns are accepted as correct, the increase in the area of cotton cultivation during this year, as compared with the last, would be 809,375 acres.

If, on the other hand, the former returns, or those which were received and published last season, are held to be the correct ones (and at present I am not aware of any reason why they should not be so,) the actual increase would amount to 784,543 acres.

The above remarks refer only to the collectorates. With regard to native states, I regret the smallness of the number of returns that have been procurable, more especially as such a very large proportion of our cotton supply is grown in native territory. This appears to be in no way due to a want of efforts on the part of Political officers to procure and furnish me with the desired information. Major Barton, Political Agent, Rewa Kanta, in explaining his inability to supply it, expresses his "extreme regret that, owing to the vexatious apathy of the Chiefs under his superintendence," he is unable to complete the report due from his office; and the same difficulty, I have no doubt, has been experienced in most of the other states for which returns are not forthcoming. Taking those in the Dharwar collectorate alone, the amount of cotton cultivated in the jaghires of Savanoor, Khoondgol, Seerhuttee, and Lukmeshwur, for which there are no returns, would, if included, have materially increased the total cultivated area reported.

The only native states for which I am in possession of returns, are those of Kolapore, with its outlying jaghires of Sanglee, Meeruj, Kolee undwar, Jamkhundee, Moodhole, and Ramdoorg, with those of Akulkote under Major Baumgartner, and of the Mahi Kanta under Major Law.

In comparing these returns with those which were forwarded last season (which I may observe exactly correspond, with one exception, namely Cutch), I find that, in the districts to which they relate, there is an increase in the total area of cotton cultivation as follows:—

1868-69	1869-70	Increase.
Acres 343,354 ..	497,892 ..	154,538.

Adding this increase to that above shown in the collectorates according to the returns now published, we have a total extent of land cultivated with cotton this year, exceeding that of last season by 963,913 acres. This, be it observed, is without reference to the many states not here represented, including Kattiawar, where there is an enormous amount of cotton cultivation.

Though it was not the object of this report to furnish any other information than that on the area of land devoted to cotton this year, without reference to the prospects of the crop, on which I have been ordered by Government to publish my report on the 15th of January, I may take the present opportunity of recording the following remarks from the information in my possession up to the present time.

In Guzerat generally, the rains were late, and sowing operations deferred in consequence somewhat beyond the usual time. In the districts north of the Myhee, the continuous heavy rains in September retarded the young cotton crops, and from the irregular character of the rainfall which at times approached the violence of a flood, a considerable quantity of low-lying black land, extending from Veerumgaum in the direction of Wurdwan and Dholleera, was so long submerged, that in some places the plants were either washed out or destroyed, and the field had to be resown. Later in the season, the districts suffered from one or two visitations of locusts in great numbers. They destroyed the grain of all the cereal crops which were then in ear. The cotton crop, however, I am happy to say, escaped with but little injury. Subsequently, the season proved so favourable that the retarded crops recovered, and from the periodical reports that continue to reach me, I believe that a full and abundant crop may be anticipated.

In Broach, south of the Myhee, the rainfall is stated to have been about 30 per cent. in excess of the usual average, yet it was attended with less injury to the cotton crop, as the fall, though excessive, was milder and more regular in its character. Here, also, the locusts appeared in large flights, but though other crops suffered in the same manner as abovementioned, they have heard of no serious injury to the cotton, and as far as I can judge both from personal observation and the reports of my subordinates which come to me regularly, I believe that the cotton crop in the Broach collectorate will be greatly better than an average one.

In Surat, the season has not proved so favourable; the crops suffered more from the lodging of rain-water on the fields, and there was a larger amount of resowing, but still I believe that fully a fair average crop may be expected.

Since writing the above, I have received a communication from Mr. Stormont, Superintendent of cotton Experiments in Surat and Broach, which forms a continuation of his reports up to yesterday's date, and in which he makes the following remarks, having premised that he had just returned from a general tour in the above districts:—

"The finest Guzerat produce of the year will no doubt come from the black-soil district lying to the north and west of Broach. Near Deygaum and some other places in that locality, the plants in some fields are yet quite small, although the majority have done flowering, and average from four to five feet in height.

"The backward state of one portion of the crop is the result of late sowing. The rain fell so continuously after the first real burst, that there was very little opportunity for successional sowing until the season was far advanced. Though late, this will yield a good crop, perhaps a trifle heavier than the early sown, as it is not quite so liable to be damaged by insects. Up the railway line towards Pallej, the crop is not quite so far advanced as at Broach, still it is very promising.

"The farmers calculate on a cotton crop of 17 annas in the rupee, that is about six per cent. excess, and I think it will be quite equal to that.

"Round Surat, the crop is certainly not so promising as in the above-mentioned districts. The effects of the rain seems to have been much more severely felt. It is now pushing along, however, and those who know the district well, believe there will yet be a fair crop, though of course a little late."

In Khandeish, the crops appeared very promising before the end of September. Continuous rain fell from the 20th of that month to the 6th October, which had the effect of injuring them slightly. They recovered under the influence of the fine weather which succeeded, but in some talookas this was followed by heavy rain at the end of October, that occasioned some damage to the cotton which, grown on the better soils, had become ready for picking. This is, however, counterbalanced by the help which the rain has given to the backward plants on the lighter soils, and on the whole there seems reason to expect a crop better than the average. I may add that the reports I have just received state that the quality of the cotton produced is considerably superior to that of last year.

In the collectorates of Sholapoor, Ahmednuggur, Sattara and Poona, the cotton plants are in a thriving condition and give promise of a full crop.

From the Southern Mahratta Districts I am in receipt of advices up to the 15th instant. At the commencement of the season, owing to the continuation of heavy rain to a late period, the condition of the soil did not admit of the sowing of cotton seed being proceeded with as early as usual, and the crops were reported as being less advanced than at the similar dates of last year. Of late, however, they have assumed a much more forward appearance, being greatly benefited by a seasonable and much-required fall of rain in the month of October, which was pretty general throughout the country, and amounted to about four and a half inches. Last accounts state that the plants, both Native and American, continue to improve in appearance daily, and that the cultivators entertain sanguine hopes of a full and abundant crop. Mention is made of the appearance of the "Boll-worm" in one or two localities where the sowing had been earlier than elsewhere, but it had not spread to any extent, and no apprehensions of serious injury were entertained. The soil is now supplied with a sufficiency of moisture to bring the plants to maturity, and if nothing untoward occurs, it may be reasonably expected that the hopes of the cultivators will be realized.

G. F. FORBES, Cotton Commissioner.

Town Hall, Bombay, 18th November 1869.

BOMBAY.

THE P. & O. Co's s.s. SALSETTE, which arrived here from China yesterday, brought a passenger from Calcutta—Mr. Danks.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's s. s. EUPHRATES, advertised to sail to-day for the Coast and Calcutta, will, we are requested to state, not start before 4 o'clock P.M.

CIRCUIT.—We hear that the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lloyd proceeds on a circuit to the Southern Maratha Country in the beginning of next year.

INQUEST.—Dr. Lumsdaine held an inquest on Sunday concerning the death one Lulloo, who, in the opinion of the jury, came to his death by excessive drinking.

MR. HENRY WOOD PAYNE (from Calcutta) took the usual declaration, before the Chief Justice in the High Court yesterday, as an attorney and procurator of the High Court of Bombay.

MR. A. R. SCOBLE, we understand, received official intimation on Friday last of his appointment to act as Advocate General. The appointment will be gazetted in the *Government Gazette* of Thursday next.

EAST INDIA ASSOCIATION.—We notice from the *East Goftar* that the Raja of Bhownuggur has promised to contribute every year, from the year ensuing, Rs. 1,000 to the East India Association.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—On Saturday a Mussulman named Vuzeer Ali, in consequence of some quarrel with his wife, took a large quantity of opium. He was conveyed to the Jamsetjee Hospital, being very ill.

FOUND DROWNED.—The police found on Sunday the dead body of a Soedee floating in the sea at Tank Bunder. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition. The matter was reported to Dr. Lumsdaine, who ordered a warrant to issue for the disposal of the body.

THE STEAMER MARTABAN, Captain Hibbert, sailed yesterday for Kurrachee, with the following passengers:—Surgeon Hammond, Royal Artillery; Miss Leckie; Assistant Surgeon G. W. Mackury; Mr. S. H. Philips; Doctor McK. John; Captain and Mrs. Merriman; two Seodics and a girl; and 52 deck passengers.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—Yesterday, at the Fort Police Court, Kurreem Bunnoo, a married woman, appeared before the Chief Magistrate, and obtained a warrant against Mehhoob, woman, charging her with criminal breach of trust in respect of certain ornaments, of the aggregate value of Rs. 600, belonging to complainant.

As a measure of economy, and also to meet the frequent solicitations of unemployed officers of the Indian army for active employment, a list of some of such officers has been furnished to the several local Governments, with an intimation that they are available for civil employment whenever their services may be required.—*Indian Army Gazette.*

DEATH OF DEWAN WUTHONMULL MUNGUR MULLANEE.—The Commissioner in Sind, in a memorandum dated the 11th inst., reported to Government the death, on the 1st idem, from asthma, of Dewan Wuthonmull Mungur Mullanee, Assistant Deputy Collector, attached to the office of Political Superintendent Thurr and Parkur Districts. The Government passed the following resolution thereon on the 20th inst.:—"Government have received with regret the intelligence of the death of this officer."

SURAT COLLECTORATE.—From the weather report of the Surat collectorate, for the fortnight ending 31st October, we learn that the fall of rain was very slight. Crops were in good condition. Reaping operations were being carried on, and the planting of seeds for rubbee crops had been commenced. The district was reported to be healthy, except Nandore, Chikloo, Pardee, and Bulsar talookas, where fever prevailed. Cholera slightly appeared in Bulsar and Pardee talookas. Cattle were free from disease.

THE BISHOP OF MADRAS is about to make a protracted tour through the Bombay presidency, and the Madras revenues are to be charged with his heavy travelling allowances. Is not this somewhat anomalous? His Lordship has a natural desire to make the acquaintance of his Right Reverend Brother of the sister presidency, but it is rather absurd that we should have to pay for this exemplary exhibition of fraternal sympathy. The travelling allowances of Viceroys, Governors, Councillors, Secretaries, and others urgently need the audit of a hard-headed man who habitually requires money's worth for money spent.—*Madras Mail*, Nov. 17.

CRICKET MATCH.—On Saturday last a match cricket was played on the Esplanade between the Zoroastrian C. C. and an "eleven" from the 1/2 (Queen's) Regiment. In the first innings the "Queen's" made 65, and next when they went to bat they scored 70, giving them a total of 135 runs. But the Zoroastrians were too many for them by far. In the first innings they ran up a score of 201, and thus left the military in the shade by an innings and 66 runs. Messrs. B. Byramjee and B. Bhiccajee made the best single scores, 72 and 70 respectively. On the other side, Dr. White made 30 in the first, and 23 in the second, innings.

DEPARTURE OF TROOPS FOR ENGLAND.—H.M.'s troopship Jumna will leave Bombay for Suez to-day with nearly 800 invalids and time-expired men, women and children from the Bengal presidency. The troops, which were from the Deolalee Depot, were brought here yesterday by train. About 70 invalids and time-expired men, with women and children, belonging to the Madras presidency, will also leave by the Jumna; as will also about 140 belonging to this presidency. Besides these there are about 120 officers, men, women, and children of the 7/14 Royal Artillery from Ahmedabad —the rest of the Brigade having proceeded home by the Euphrates last week.

THEFT OF A GUN.—At the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, before Mr. R. H. Showell, two men named Mungoor Chenda and Sooba Cumla were charged with stealing from a building used as a human dwelling a gun, of the value of Rs. 112, belonging to Mr. E. D. Stead, assistant in a mercantile office. It appears that the gun was missed from the bungalow of the complainant some months ago. A few days ago a police peon saw the prisoners leaving the synagogue at Byculla with a bedding, which was searched and the gun and two flasks were found in it. The magistrate adjudged the prisoners guilty. The first prisoner was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment, and the second two months.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.—At the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday, Edmund Ditton, an European, was charged with committing an aggravated assault against the person of Mr. J. Phillips, book-keeper to Messrs. Posl, Cassels, & Co. Complainant said—I know defendant. I believe he is unemployed. On Saturday last at 10 P.M. I was walking on the Breach Candy Road, near the Money Institution. I was walking towards the Fort. Defendant had concealed himself somewhere near the institution. Prisoner rushed on me saying, "you are the man I wanted," and with a heavy stick he then had in his hand struck me several times on my head. I tried to ward off the blows. I found my head was bleeding profusely and I cried out for the police. A police constable came over and I pointed out prisoner.—The prisoner was convicted and fined Rs. 100 with the alternative of two months' rigorous imprisonment, and was also bound over to keep the peace.

OUR readers will learn, as we do with regret, that owing to the stagnation of trade in this province, the directors of the Oriental Bank Corporation have resolved to close their agency here (Kurrachee) on the 31st of next month.—*Sind News*, Nov. 18.

By letters from Jacobabad, we regret to hear that Colonel Phayre has been suffering for some time from weakness and ill-health, and that in all probability he will be obliged to leave for England next March.—*Deccan Herald*, Nov. 22.

No further tidings have been received regarding Colonel Macleod's accident, except in confirmation of previous information that his arm was, on Thursday last, amputated between the elbow and the shoulder: and it is hoped that he will get over it all right now. The weather at Mahableshwur was bitterly cold; and many people have fires now in the mornings and evenings.—*Ibid.*

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 22nd, 7-55 A.M.—French Mail steamer from Calcutta signalled.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 22nd, 12-6 P.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line interrupted beyond Kournah. Persian line right to Tabreez. Latest dates, from Great Britain, *via* Turkey, 7th Nov., 1-45 P.M.; *via* Russia, Service, 12th Nov., 11-3 P.M., Private, 5th Nov., 3-7 P.M.

AKOZE, 22nd, 3 P.M. Office opened this day.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 21st to 8 P.M. of the 22nd November is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	0 30	0 7
,, Calcutta	7 16	1 32

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—
For Dulsookram Hookumchund, from Calcutta.
For E. Pout, from Calcutta.
For Havelock, Byculla, from Nagpore.
For Bhiwara Baee, Nag Para, No. 8, from Poona.

THE BENCH OF JUSTICES.

THE Bench of Justices, as the public are aware, is to meet to-morrow, but the meeting will be only formal, and will be adjourned till the 8th December, as all the information needed for the disposal of the Budget is not yet available.

THE BHATTIA CASE.

THE charges against Mr. Lukhmidass Khimjee and Mr. Dwarkadass Vassonjee, of giving false evidence and conspiring to defraud the Commercial Bank, were on the calendar for trial at the Criminal Sessions now sitting. On Saturday, an application was made by counsel that the case should be heard by a special jury, and Mr. Justice Westropp yesterday morning refused the application, and ordered a *nolle prosequi* to be entered. The defendants were accordingly discharged.—Mr. Lukhmidass Khimjee appeared at the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Hosea Morojee, with his solicitor, Mr. Rimington, and obtained an apprehension warrant against Hurkeeson Jugjeevan, charging him with giving false evidence in the case which Mr. Connon committed to the Sessions.

EXPORTS OF COTTON FROM BOMBAY.

APPENDED is a statement of cotton shipped from the port of Bombay to foreign external ports and foreign Indian ports during the month of October 1869:—

Quantity.	Value.	By what Ships.	To what Ports.
lbs.	Rs.		
741,664	3,30,975	Steamer Nubia* ...	Liverpool.
903,784	4,11,959	Do. Bengal ...	,,
776,964	3,78,460	Do. Golconda†	,,
1,784,384	7,94,742	Do. Krishna‡	,,
1,887,396	8,19,130	Ann Millicent ...	,,
695,968	3,74,360	Steamer Sumatra ...	,,
680,668	3,03,020	Do. Columbian ...	,,
1,401,204	6,05,150	Do. Neera ...	,,
549,976	2,41,500	Do. Behar ...	,,
39,200	20,000	Do. Orissa§ ...	Havre.
9,016	4,025	Do. Bengal ...	,,
16,916	7,150	Do. Golconda†	,,
45,864	23,800	Do. Sumatra ...	,,
144,648	58,800	Do. Columbian ...	,,
223,332	94,200	Do. Behar ...	,,
117,600	45,000	Do. Sumatra ...	Trieste.
22,344	7,980	Shaftesbury ...	Hongkong
86,828	40,740	Do. Norna ...	,,
38,024	16,030	Do. Rangoon ...	,,
10,164,980 or Candies 12,935 15-28th	46,37,012		

* Port clearance granted on 25th September 1869.
† Port clearance granted on 16th September 1869.
‡ Port clearance granted on 29th September 1869.
§ Port clearance granted on 21th September 1869.

FIFTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS OF 1869.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice WESTROPP.)

SECOND DAY: MONDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

THE following cases were disposed of before a common jury:—

DEMANDING A GRATIFICATION.—Misreelal Nundkishore, a peon in the employment of the Government Telegraph Department, was charged with obtaining a gratification other than legal remuneration from a native merchant, to whom he had delivered a telegram. In the course of the hearing of the case His Lordship remarked that in such a case of levies from the general public he thought the public prosecutor should appear for the prosecution. The prisoner was found guilty, and His Lordship, in passing sentence, said the prisoner had been taking advantage of his position as a Government servant to obtain money to which he had no right. That was a crime which there was reason to believe was very common in this country, and inasmuch as the prisoner had been in an office in which he was entrusted with an important duty and had committed a very great breach of that duty—though the sum which he actually received in this case was small indeed—by way of example to all persons occupying similar positions, His Lordship felt bound to sentence him to rigorous imprisonment for six months from the day on which he was first charged—the 9th October.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS AND MONEY.—Govindass Hurrydass was charged with stealing some ornaments and money from a dwelling-house. Mr. Ferguson appeared for the prosecution, and Dr. Barton for the defence. The persons interested in the case were all Brahmin mendicants possessed of considerable wealth. The prosecutor's wife's ornaments had got into the possession of the prisoner, and he went from here to the railway station in order to accompany prisoner to Nassick. The reason possibly was that referred to by Dr. Barton, when he elicited from the prosecutor that prisoner was a "big fellow" among the mendicants, was good looking, at least in the opinion of the women, whereas prosecutor was not so,—was, prosecutor said, as God made him. However the prisoner did not come, held the learned counsel, to take her to his fond arms, and hence the present case. His Lordship said the only point that pressed the prisoner was the distribution of the goods, but Dr. Barton held there was nothing peculiar in that, for there was bad blood in the family, and the prisoner was "not" with the woman. The persons, he said, were all Brahmins, and all had money. They were said to have come from the mouth of Brahma, and though he (Dr. B.) did not pretend to solve the problem, he thought Brahma did quite right in getting rid of them at the first opportunity, for a more disagreeable set of fellows he never saw. (Laughter.)

The jury found the prisoner guilty of receiving, and sentence was deferred till a technical point raised by Dr. Barton should be decided.

THE NEW MINERAL.

Our Agra contemporary publishes the following letters:

Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Consulate, Bombay, 21st October 1869.

Captain W. A. Ross, R. A., Simla.

SIR,—Having read your interesting reports on the new mineral, which you have discovered and which you propose to call meerschaluminite, I have the honour to request that you will send me per banghy some large specimens, for which I shall be happy to pay any charges which you may have to incur. I intend to forward these specimens to Vienna, where the commercial value of this mineral can be best ascertained, Vienna being, as you are no doubt aware, the foremost place for the manufacture of meerschaum articles.

I shall esteem it a favour if you will send me specimens sufficiently large to admit of their being practically tested.

It will afford me pleasure to communicate to you the report which I hope to receive from Vienna after examination and trial of the samples. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

A. C. GUMPERT, KT. F. I.,
I. and R. Austro-Hungarian Consul.

To Baron Gumpert, I. and R. Austro-Hungarian Consul, Bombay.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt while on my way here, of your letter dated the 21st, ultimo, and in reply regret to state that the meerschaluminite has not hitherto been found in fragments larger than a hen's egg, although no attempt has yet been made to search deeply for larger masses. As the only compliance I am able to make with your request, therefore, I have the pleasure to forward to your address to-day a small but very perfectly crystallised specimen of the new mineral for deposit in the celebrated mineral collection of Vienna. You will perceive that this mineral has all the valuable properties of *meerschaum*, with the additional advantage of being absolutely infusible, which the latter is not.

I take this opportunity of transmitting two printed and MS. papers of pyrotechnical experiments made by me, which, as they contain an account of certain novelties in chemistry and physics, I ask the favour of your forwarding to one of the scientific institutions or societies of Vienna in my name.

I am also desirous of obtaining His Majesty's imperial and royal letters patent for the protection in Austria and Hungary of a process discovered by me, by which *iron* or other metal may be covered with a coating of itself, but so changed in character, that it will no longer rust or oxydise when exposed to the normal influence of water or damp. Steel thus treated is improved in temper and made harder, taking easily a razor-like edge, so that a native sword thus coated the other day, cut through a brass hinge on a block of wood, little force being applied, as cleanly as if it had been made of wax, the edge remaining quite unaltered. Steel pens thus coated do not require wiping for months, while brass assumes the colour of copper, but will not form verdigris with fatty acids. I take the liberty of publishing this correspondence in order that Mr. DeRussett, who first discovered the mineral required by you, and is on the spot, may see your wishes regarding large specimens, and be induced to make an extended search for them. The locality belongs to Her Majesty's Government.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

Agra, 12th November. W. A. ROSS, Captain, Royal Artillery.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

AT SHANGHAI.

From the Shanghai papers we learn that H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh arrived there on the 22nd October.

The day (says the *Recorder*) was held as a complete holiday, and from an early hour in the forenoon the bund presented a lively appearance, the crowd gradually increasing till 2 o'clock, when the number of Chinese was greater than we remember ever seeing before. H. R. H. at once landed, and was received with rounds of hearty cheering. He and Mr. Medhurst, H. M. Consul, then stepped into a carriage which was in waiting and drove off to the British Consulate, where the addresses from the British and Cosmopolitan communities were presented. After a short stay there the Prince visited the regatta, and was in time to see the later races. In the evening he was entertained at dinner at H. M. Consulate, and afterwards honoured the amateur performance at the Lyceum with his presence.

Subjoined we give the addresses presented to H. R. H. and his replies thereto:—

THE BRITISH ADDRESS.

To His Royal Highness, Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.—It is a satisfactory and grateful duty which devolves upon Her Majesty's subjects at this port, to take their share in welcoming your Royal Highness.

Hitherto your voyages have taken you for the most part to the colonial possessions of the British Empire, where warm expressions of loyalty and affection have in every instance proved how deep-seated is the attachment of the dependencies of Great Britain to the Crown and Government. Although we resemble other institutions, your Royal Highness will find that even in this remote and alien country there are not wanting hearts loyal to your illustrious house, and sincerely rejoiced to have an opportunity of testifying their devoted sentiments.

There is one name which binds the sons of Great Britain together wherever their lots may be cast, and that is the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

Her public and private virtues have united to endear her to the citizens of all nations, and it is a source of perpetual pleasure to the millions over whom she rules, to feel that they possess a sovereign whose formal titles to respect comprise but a small part of her claims to the love and devotion of all her subjects.

This loyalty is of so sterling a quality that it has become a part of our national character, and it is but a spontaneous instinct of national feeling which prompts us to extend a welcome to a son of that Queen whose home may so truly be said to be in the hearts of her people.

We hope to be able to bear our part in making your Royal Highness's stay agreeable, and trust that you may find your short sojourn in Shanghai not altogether unworthy of a pleasant place in your remembrance.

Signed by 322.

H. R. H. REPLY.

To the British Community in Shanghai.

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you sincerely for this address, and request you to convey to Her Britannic Majesty's subjects at this port the expression of my gratitude for the very kind language in which it is couched and the warm reception with which they have greeted me.

In the Queen's name I thank you for the expressions of your loyalty to her Crown and person, and for myself I am grateful to you for your kind and good wishes on my behalf. (Signed) ALFRED.

THE COSMOPOLITAN ADDRESS.

To H. R. H. Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., &c., &c. &c.

SIR,—We, the members of the foreign community of Shanghai, have the honour to address your Royal Highness on this occasion, and to offer to you a hearty welcome to this distant part of the globe.

Our settlements comprise citizens of nearly every civilized nationality, and we share one and all in that sentiment of profound admiration and respect for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of England, which so universally pervades the several countries to which we owe our allegiance.

We cannot ourselves be happy, therefore, in having an opportunity afforded us of giving expression to that sentiment in the public recognition of the presence amongst us of one of the members of Her Britannic Majesty's family.

Though your Royal Highness will not find in a purely mercantile settlement, on the borders of a semi-civilized country, the facilities for a princely greeting with which other cities visited by you have abounded, yet we offer an assurance alike deep and sincere that your visit to Shanghai is a source of unqualified gratification to us, nor can we but feel assured that a visit to the first commercial emporium of China will present features of very great interest to a member of a family ruling over a great commercial country.—We have the honour to be, your Royal Highness's obedient servants,

Signed by 350.

H. R. H. REPLY.

To the Foreign Community of Shanghai.

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you warmly for your address, welcoming me to this part of China and expressing your admiration and respect for Her Majesty the Queen.

Accept my thanks for your kind wishes for my future happiness. In return I wish the members of the foreign community every prosperity.

(Signed) ALFRED.

On the 23rd the Prince attended games of different kinds, got up by the European community, and in the evening was entertained at the Concordia "till an early hour in the morning," the entertainment being of music. On the following day (Sunday) he was, according to the local chronicler, "naturally left to his own devices; but he put in an appearance in the public garden, in the course of the afternoon, where the splendid band of the Galatea played for about two hours, attracting nearly all Shanghai as listeners." (Shocking! And this on Sunday! Not to speak of the entertainment till "an early hour" on Sunday morning.)

On Monday there were still more games and in the evening H. R. H. was entertained at a ball at Shanghai Club. The Prince reached the club at 9-25 and was greeted by a salute of 21 rockets from the verandahs, which had a very pretty effect. He opened the ball with Mrs. Medhurst, the wife of H. B. M. Consul, and afterwards danced with several other ladies. The guests sat down to supper at midnight.

H. B. M. Consul proposed "The Royal Family," and coupled the toast with the name of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, their guest.

The toast was drank with tremendous cheering and musical honours.

The Duke said—Ladies and gentlemen, I return you my best thanks for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health; and the gentlemen are entitled to my more particular thanks for the musical manner in which they have responded to it. I can only assure the community of which I happen to be the guest, of my high, very high, appreciation of their musical talents, which I have now heard on three different occasions; first at the charming entertainment at the Lyceum, on the evening of my arrival; next the enchanting entertainment—for I am sure all my countrymen thought it so—which the German residents gave the night before last, and lastly the beautiful song which you have sung just now. Music is one of those things that must produce feelings of harmony and good fellowship in any person's breast; and I am sure the manifestation of all classes of this community towards music, how great good feeling and harmony prevail among all the classes and all nationalities in Shanghai. I will only say one thing more in concluding these few words I have to offer you in return for the toast you have just drank. I say that this community has a most important bearing on the commerce of all nations, and I beg you to follow me, in drinking the toast, "Prosperity to the Community of Shanghai."

The toast was drank with six hearty cheers, led by the Prince himself. H.B.M. Consul had one more toast to propose—"The Ladies"—and would leave it to the youngest man present, whoever he might be, to respond.

This individual, however, showing a remarkable bashfulness in coming forward, the Duke called on

Mr. Porter, who, saying that the first duty of a loyal subject was to obey, proceeded to fulfil the very delicate—but the more delicate the more pleasing—task entrusted to him.

EXTRACT FROM Mr. H. RIVETT-CARNAC'S REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE COTTON DEPARTMENT FOR 1868-69.

That great benefits have accrued, during the past few years, to the cultivators of Central India from the cotton trade, will not readily be disputed. The following figures, taken from the "Economist," of the bullion shipped from Great Britain to Bombay, from the years 1861-1868 inclusive, to make up the balance due to Western India, after allowing for the value of piece-goods and other imports, are somewhat eloquent, and it is known that a fair share of this large sum found its way to the Poornah and Wurdah Valleys, in exchange for cotton, purchased at a never-before-known price.

Exports of Gold and Silver from the United Kingdom to Bombay during the undermentioned years.

1861	5,456,000
1862	8,848,000
1863	10,618,000
1864	10,113,000
1865	5,895,000
1866	4,228,000
1867	1,094,000
1868	2,483,000
Total of 8 years	£48,735,000

As I mixed very freely with the people at that time, being engaged in making the Land Revenue Settlement of the Wurdah Valley (the Hinguughat and Chandah country), I had many opportunities of watching the effects wrought by the high price of cotton during 1863 and following years. A history of the events of that time in Central India would fill a good-sized volume, but it will suffice here to touch briefly on this subject, for including which in this already lengthy report, I make no excuse, as I am confident, that any one, who has waded thus far through so many paragraphs, must have in Indian cotton an interest sufficiently strong to bear even the imposition of these further heavy details.

The most beneficial effect of the rise in prices, was the general squaring of accounts, and the consequent emancipation of the cultivator, and his crop from the grasp of the village money-lender. Since the palmy days, when the price of "*Fair Dhollera*" touched 25*d.* the pound, many of the cultivators have doubtless relapsed into the chronic state of indebtedness, which characterised their position during former years, and much of the cotton crop is again in the hands of the money-lender, long before it sees the cotton market. The people were in many cases recklessly extravagant. The money which had come so easily, went equally easily. As cotton had risen in price from Rs. 10 to Rs. 100 the *bhojah*, the excited Koombie cultivator did not quite see why it should not rise to even 1,000 Rupees the *bhojah*, and there was just a hope that perhaps it might not stop even there.

All sorts of absurdities were committed. Silver plough-shares, and tires of solid silver for cart-wheels, made their appearance here and there. Fancy prices were paid for bullocks of a favourite colour, or possessing some peculiarity of tail. Enormous sums were squandered on marriage ceremonies, and we may rest assured that the Brahmins did not omit to profit by the occasion! All these extravangancies tempted many to defer the settling day with their creditors, a day which the mahajun, or village banker, who regarded the creditor-koonbie as a valuable milch-cow, was not in the least unwilling to see postponed. And there is unfortunately a grim truth, in what has more than once been said of the native cultivator, that he is seldom so self-satisfied, as when he has a heavy balance at his banker's, on the wrong side of the account. The amount of his debt to the village-mahajun is, indeed the guage of the cultivator's respectability; it represents the sum which the Mahajun believes he can recover from his creditor without much difficulty, and perhaps few are better qualified to assess what each ryot is worth than the resident money-lender himself. In the eyes of the village community, there is no disgrace in a man being in debt, on the contrary, to be well in the Mahajun's books, is considered rather the thing; it is not every one who can compass it, the poorer classes could not get deep into the books however persistently they might try, and many future schemes for the distribution of the suffrage, might not incorrectly be framed on the basis of the amount that each person owes to the village banker. Hence, many have remained in, or have again fallen into, the hands of their creditors, and, unfortunately, suits against cultivators, resulting in the sale of valuable holdings, have not been unknown during the last few years.

Still, after having looked at the worst side of the picture, a very large balance of substantial benefit remains. The cultivators, who, rendered enthusastic by rich harvests, thought to gratify the bountiful mother earth by scratching her back with a plough, of silver, were the exception, and many had the good sense to feel, that the cooling shade of mangoe-groves, and other trees, planted in hundreds throughout the country, and newly-dug wells, with a plentiful supply of water, to refresh the soil during the hot months, would be more highly appreciated by the parched and over-wrought earth, than any arrangement which gratitude for plentiful harvests, and high prices could suggest. Thus, the number of trees planted greatly increased, the irrigated area was extended, and much land lying waste was brought under cultivation. The people indulged in better food and richer clothes, and the demand for the rich "*Dhoties*," and "*Sarees*" of Nagpore (the loin cloths, and plaids, the chief costume of the men and women respectively) increased, and, as an old conservative Deshpandia, when dilating to me on the objectional turn matters had taken, expressed it, "every cooly (or labourer) took to wearing the clothes of a Brahmin." Earthern vessels disappeared before pots and pans of brass, and copper, or of even richer metal, sturdy plough-cattle were imported in considerable quantities from all parts of India, the dwelling houses of the people were improved, and in many cases mud and thatch gave way before substantial buildings of brick and stone.

Even the reckless extravagance of the Koonbies had the advantage of keeping much of the money above ground, and ensuring its circulation, so that it reached to even the lowest classes, who benefitted largely by the liberality of the enriched Koonbies. But, allowing for the sums expended, a very considerable share of the millions of hard cash and bullion, which found their way from Bombay to our Cotton Districts, yet remains to be accounted for. Doubtless very large sums are still in deposit, in what the people consider the safest of all banks, that of the earth. In the present state of native society in the interior of the country, this is not to be wondered at, and perhaps, it is not to be regretted, that the appetite for speculation was not stimulated, and that the cotton profits of our cultivators were not engulphed in Back Bay, or in some of the financial projects of the times. The purchases of gold in the districts were immense. Many of the rupees, paid to the Koonbie at the market for his cotton, found their way to the goldsmith's at night, and were exchanged for bar gold which was there shaped into bangles and welded on to his arm. The number and thickness of these bracelets varied with the circumstances of the wearer. A good crop, and continued high prices, would be represented by a second bangle; the death of a plough-bullock, or so, from disease, or by a tiger, would necessitate one of the bangles going to the meltingpot, or a piece would be cut off from one end of the bracelet, (after the manner of the gold chains of old, of which the links, of the period is represented as breaking off a link, or so, as occasion may require,) and the once-massive bangle is hammered out into a lighter circlet, and replaced on the Koonbie's arm. The ladies of the household, came in for jewellery in great quantities, which seldom sees the light save when a bad season, and consequent financial pressure, brings their ornaments into the market, and gold is at a discount throughout the country-side.

Of other and more important changes, which the great increase of wealth must be slowly but steadily working, an idea cannot easily be formed, consequent on the great difficulty experienced, at all times, in penetrating to any depth beneath the surface of native society. But, occasionally, little incidents crop up, which indicate the influences at work below, and show that the great flood of silver, that swept over the cotton districts, has levelled many of the social landmarks by which the different classes were long separated and distinguished. Village life is somewhat wanting in incident, and, save at a festival like the Paola, when the precedence in the procession of the head-man's and the several cultivator's bullocks is a matter of as great anxiety and difficulty as official precedence at the grandest of great dinners, or during the all-exciting marriage season, everything is quiet and common-place. But the marriage season brings out everyone, and every single thing in the way of custom, privilege, position, and wealth, that possibly can be paraded. A marriage is quite the great event in a villager's family, and the amount of money that has been spent on such ceremonies in the Cotton Districts, during the last few years, must have been enormous. The whole country-side, and the cattle which bring the cart-loads of visitors to the festival, are fed for days at the expense of the giver of the entertainment. Rich cloths are given away in all directions, bands dispensing sonnets that peculiar music are collected from the neighbouring towns and paid at high rates, and all sorts of extravagancies are committed.

During the marriage-procession, and subsequent ceremonies, custom has fixed many points for observance by the various castes and classes in the village society. These distinctions were, perhaps, originally suggested by the limit which the means of each class prescribed, and if, at a Koonbie wedding, the bride and bridegroom were not paraded about on elephants, it was because the arrangement was somewhat beyond the means of the poor Koonbis, and a less expensive means of carriage was adopted, on the same principle that, at Home, some start on their honeymoon in a fly, whilst others affect a chariot and four. But, in course of time, each separate detail came to be a matter of privilege, and each class jealously guarded every advantage that had been secured over the other, and prevented the class below partaking of what they considered their exclusive rights. Now, however, this "level and independence which the last few years have introduced, have been accompanied by a tendency to "level up," and, in the matter of privileges at marriage ceremonies, the lower classes have gained several points, which, in old days, could not have been successfully carried in the face of custom, and prejudice, and caste. These points, slight though they may appear to be, are not without interest, as the surface ripples indicating the perhaps not inconsiderable commotion which is taking place below, at a depth, to which we are, as yet, unable to fathom. Thus, as my grumbling old friend the Deshpandia (a Brahmin, but of course) informed me, things have come to such a pass that the enriched Koonbies ape their betters in most respects, and the whole style of a Koonbie wedding now-a-days is very different from what *he* could remember it. But then the Koonbies *can* boast of belonging to a caste, though perhaps that caste is at the bottom of the list, and *their* vagaries and impertinences might perhaps be tolerated. But what is to be said for those classes who can lay claim to no caste at all, not even the lowest caste—out-castes in fact?—the Chumars, Dhers, and people of that stamp, who have managed to stop many of the rupees, that have been in circulation during the last few years, and who, what with the help of the railway, and one thing and another, are getting somewhat knowing and independent, and are not inclined to remain any longer in the subdued state which caste and custom have been kind enough to prescribe for them? One amusing case, bearing on the subject, came under my own observation, and, as a straw which indicates the direction the wind is taking, is perhaps worth recording.

During the hot weather of 1867, when I was in camp in the country north of Oomrawuttee, the stronghold of the "*Mallees*," or class of cultivators from whom our Gardeners are chiefly drawn, and who are noted for the skill with which they manage their small irrigated patches, rich in flowers (a very paying crop, now that the well-to-do peasantry use flowers plentifully at all religious ceremonies), and garden-produce, the Mallees waited upon me in a body, and begged me to exercise the general authority, with which they suppose every European officer to be invested, and to punish severely the Chumars, or leather-dressers, who were represented to be misconducting themselves in a manner altogether intolerable. The charge against the offenders was this:—The whole body of Chumars, throughout the country-side, had struck work, and had refused to make the Mallees any shoes, or to repair the "motes" or leather-buckets with which, in this part of the country, the water is drawn from the wells for irrigation. Now the inconvenience of having to go without new shoes could be borne for a time, but the affair of the buckets was much more serious. The weather was hot, the crops were gasping for want of water. Even attempts to get Chumars from a distance, to mend the leaking buckets, had failed, for the trades-strike of the Chumars against the Mallees was general, and extended throughout the country sides, even up to Nagpore, it was said. And for the Mallees mending the buckets themselves, *that* was quite out of the question. In the first place, bucket-mending was not an accomplishment of which the Mallees could boast, and, even had they possessed the necessary skill, the loss of caste which would have been entailed by any attempt to do "Chumar's work," would have put the idea quite out of the question. And the cause of the pretty little quarrel was this. A short time previously, at the commencement of the marriage-season, some of the Chumars who were very well off, and who had become, from various causes, somewhat pushing and independent, had come, with money in their hands, to the Mallees, and begged them to supply flowers for the chaplets and garlands, with which the bride and bridegroom at a marriage ceremony are bedecked. Now the Chumars, who skin and cut up dead animals, and perform other objectionable duties, are considered such utter outcastes, that, according to village custom, they were never permitted to use *real* flowers at marriage festivals, garlands and chaplets of *paper* being substituted in the place of the real flowers, which were thus spared the pollution which contact with anything so unclean as a Chumar would necessarily entail! The indignation of the Mallees may then be imagined, when the Chumars, after having put up with the imitation article for many hundreds of years, had the impertinence to come and ask for real flowers for their chaplets and garlands! Although the Chumars offered to pay almost any price, (for there was no lack of money) the Mallees indignantly refused to part with a single flower. It was not the price, it was the principle that would be involved in thus encouraging these outcastes. So the Chumars went away, discomfited, apparently. But they awaited their opportunity, and when, a few days later, the Mallees propounded the annual question of the repair of the buckets, the Chumars, by way of returning the compliment paid to them on the recent occasion, intimated that, unless the Mallees brought out the flowers, it would be a long time before the wells could be worked, as they were determined not to repair a single bucket until the flowers required by them were supplied. Of course, in a matter so important, the Mallees held out for a time, and their crops were beginning to show signs of suffering, when I came amongst them. I fear that my conservative friends did not get much sympathy from me. I had not the authority, even if I had possessed the inclination, to interfere. But a few days later, before I left that part of the country, I saw the wells at work, and I amused the Mallees who had had to give in, and that the Chumar bride and bridegroom were being paraded about, decked with garlands and chaplets of *real* flowers, and that the outcastes had gained a point which they are not soon likely to relinquish.

And this was only one of the many struggles for "position" which that season saw in the Cotton Districts. The barbers fell out with the carpenters, regarding the manufacture of some wooden distinction, to which the barber-bride and bridegroom were not, according to village tradition, entitled. And not a single carpenter in that part of the District would get shaved until the barbers carried their point. Perhaps the most amusing incident of all was what happened, two seasons running, with regard to the Dhers (Mahars) and the Mhangs, outcastes in the very lowest depths, of the same class, yet between whom some slight division is recognised, the Mahar, or Dher, having the pre-eminence! So low were the Dhers in the social scale that, when a marriage took place among them, the bride and bridegroom were not permitted in indulge in any more dignified mode of conveyance than bullocks, seated on the backs of which they appeared in the procession. Now a Dher, a village, of silver, who had acquired a little money, conceived the idea, when arranging for his daughter's marriage, of having a pair of ponies to carry the bride and bridegroom on the occasion. This soon got wind, the villagers immediately showed their determination to resist any such attempt at breaking through village custom, and on the appointed day, they turned out in a body to thrash the pair and their relations. The matter was reported to the magistrate, who ruled that, if the Dher could afford the arrangement, no one had any right to interfere with the procession. The excitement in the meantime continued intense, and when the matter was settled, and the procession did come off, it was considered, I believe, necessary to move some police to the spot to prevent a breach of the peace taking place. The people, however, who, in this part of the country are exceedingly quiet and well behaved, had the good sense to respect authority, and everything went off quietly. The best part of the story has yet to be told. The following season, the Mhangs, who, as noticed above, are but one remove below the Mahars, or Dhers, having seen their brethren carry their point in the previous year, bethought themselves of adopting the same arrangements, and ponies for the bride and bridegroom were again to the front. But, this time, the precession did not come off so quietly, the Mahars turned out *en masse* and the Mhangs paid dearly for their presumption, the bridegroom and all the party receiving very rough treatment at the hands of the now indignant Mahars. In fact, the out-caste Mahars, having been promoted to the Upper House, had become staunch Conservatives, and were prepared to resent and resist any attempt, by such low creatures as the Mhangs, to share in the privileges which they had, with some difficulty, secured for themselves, for the first time, in the previous year.

One more story, well-known in the Berars, but which, for that reason, will not be any the less interesting to those who do not enjoy the privilege of spending much of their time in that part of India, and enough will perhaps have been said, to show that the cotton trade has helped to improve the position of many among the lower classes, and to render them more independent and promising. Some time ago, an European officer, when on tour in the Districts, received a massage, that a Dher, one of the lowest of out-castes, desired the honour of a formal interview with him. Now, as will be explained below, the idea of such a low creature as a Dher craving an interview with an officer was considered somewhat original. But the Dher had, in one way and another, made a considerable sum of money, and was a well-to-do man, and the magistrate had no hesitation in granting the request for an interview. Early the next morning, before the hour appointed for the interview, the servant of the Dher made his appearance, bearing a tray covered with a cloth, which was supposed to contain the usual "*dallee*" of native sweetmeats and trash, which a native gentleman generally sends for an officer's acceptance before making his formal visit. Orders were given to make over the "*dallee*" to the servants, who alone are capable of digesting the trash of which these offerings are generally composed: but, on the tray being uncovered, it was found to contain the following assortment—

2 bottles of brandy,
2 bottles of soda-water,
1 bottle of pickles, and 1 tin of sardines,

which the enlightened Dher had bethought himself would be more congenial to the tastes of my friend than the usual array of native sweetmeats! Although the proportion of brandy to soda water may be considered by some to have been somewhat liberal, still the Dher will perhaps be credited with some merit for his intelligence, and for striking out for himself a new line in the matter of presentation "*dallees*." But the most interesting point in his visit can only be seen by the help of the light of what the position of this class was at only a comparatively recent period. Mr. Lionel Ashburner, to whom I was telling this story last month, assured me, that, so miserable was the position of the wretched Dhers some years ago, when he was serving in Guzerat, that, if a Dher had the audacity to appear in public, he was obliged to drag behind him a bramble bush, to wipe out the trace of his obnoxious footsteps! to go about, in fact, like the conventional mad dog, with a tin kettle tied to his tail!

Dr. Murray Mitchell too, has recently reminded me, *apropos* of this class, that they were never permitted to live within the mud-walls, which, in old days, surrounded each village, but which rain, civilization, and Sanitary Commissioners are now fast "levelling down." The Dhers and Mhangs formed a small colony without these walls, and at Poonah, in the Peishwah's time, there was a strict order prohibiting these out-castes showing themselves within the city before 9 o'clock in the morning and later than 4 in the afternoon; so as to preclude, in the "may your shadow never grow longer" principle, the possibility of the feelings of the respectable citizens of the place being outraged by even the shadow of a class so obnoxious falling across their path! In parts of the Central Provinces in which I have travelled, the Dher, if he meets an European officer, or a native of any position, salutes by first rubbing his nose in the ground, and then standing on one leg, holding his shoes in his hand the while, intimating that in "the presence" he cannot think of standing in a comfortable position, or putting on his shoes even by the road-side! And, until recently, in some parts of India, a Dher, if he had to give evidence in a case before a native magistrate, was not permitted to come within the court-house, but had to stand outside and shout out what he had to say from a distance.

A recent attempt to educate some young Dhers by admitting them to one of the Government schools, was followed by the Brahmin pupils leaving the school *en masse*. Like the Mallees, however, of the previous story, the Brahmins soon came to their senses, and the despised Dhers and the Brahmins now read in the same school. The objection to travelling in a railway carriage with this class of people has long since been overcome, and it is to be doubted whether even the most orthodox Brahmin, if he was not very well off, would think of paying second-class fare, to escape from the company of a Dher travelling in a third-class carriage!

THE RAJAH OF SARAWAK.

The Rajah of Sarawak was married on October 28th, to Miss de Windt, of Warneford-place, Sevenhampton, Wilts, in Highworth Church. The Bishop of Sarawak performed the ceremony.

MADRAS RACES—1870.

MADRAS HANDICAP.

Entrances on 8th November, 1869.

Mr. Wilson's	br aus g	Thirlestane	
Do.	gr aus filly	Fleur-de-Lys	4 yrs.
Do.	b aus m	Wasp	
Capt. Langford's	gr aus h	Jupiter	
Do.	b aus c	The Stranger	
The Templars'	bl w c	Zouave	3 yrs.
Mr. Dawlish's	ch eng m	Silverstar	
Do.	b w g	Grandmaster	
Do.	b w g	Lantern	aged.
Mr. Pilgrim, names	br aus g	Clausman	6 yrs.
Do.	gr aus g	Confederate	4 yrs.
Do.	br aus g	Mendicant	5 yrs.
Do.	b aus g	Viscount	6 yrs.
Mr. Miller's	b aus g	Silvertail	
Do.	b aus g	Chieftain	
Do.	ch aus g	Star of the S	
Mr. Merry's	ch aus c	Stockwell	3 yrs.
Mr. Major's	br eng h	Stapenhill	5 yrs.

POLO (OR HOCKEY) RULES.

The rules of the Umballa Polo (or Hockey) Club, which we append, may interest some of our local readers.

1.—The goals to be at least a quarter of mile apart—20 yards between the flags of a goal.

2.—Should the bull be hit outside and past the flags, a member will dismount and throw the ball as far as he can towards the opposite goal.

3.—No member is allowed to unhorse another, with his arms, legs, or stick, or to strike a horse.

4.—Jostling allowed, and players can hit each other's sticks.

5.—The game will commence with the ball placed in the centre of the ground; a champion from each side will place himself 20 yards from the ball; the remaining players of each side 20 yards in the rear of their respective champions; at a given signal the champions will charge for first hit.

6.—Polo chargers are not to exceed 13-2 in height.

7.—The game is won by the ball being struck between the flags of a goal.

THE MADRAS ARMY.

It is still doubtful whether five, seven, or ten regiments of the Madras native infantry will be reduced. The local Government, pushed into a corner, accept the lowest number; the Supreme Government, with supreme contempt for the local, advocate the latter. Possibly the Secretary of State will take the happy mean. What is to become of the officers who will then be turned adrift to increase with their police *confreres* the local army of martyrs? Might it not be well to put a stop at once to the Indian Civil Service Competition Examination at home, and to obtain recruits for the Civil Service from among the most able of unemployed military officers? Mysore and Coorg afford us numerous examples of civil, military, revenue, and judicial officers. The temporary suspension of the supply of "wallahs" might cause annoyance at home, but this is as nothing compared with the duty of the Indian Government to find work for their unemployed military servants. India is too poor to allow of her paying men large salaries for doing nothing. Let the acclimatised, well-disciplined young officer, who can pass the requisite test have the chance of earning his bread by the sweat of his brow in a civil capacity. We do not want to dragoon the country, but we take it that a young fellow who adds to a good head, and ample knowledge, familiarity with military routine, should prove a more efficient revenue officer than your average wallah fresh from the "crammer," and green as grass.—*Madras Mail*, Nov. 17.

INDIAN ITEMS.

The Secretary of State for War has decided that the issue of furniture to mess establishments shall be discontinued.—*Indian Army Gazette*, Nov. 16.

Troops coming to India from stations at which wicker helmets are the regulation head-dress, will in future bring with them to India the helmets in their possession. These head-dresses will be worn in India the full further period which would have been required at the station from which the troops have come, and will, when worn out, be replaced by head-dresses of the pattern in use at the time in India.—*Ibid.*

No Escape.—Two Irishmen, on a sultry night immediately after their arrival in India, took refuge underneath the bed-clothes from a skirmishing party of mosquitoes. At last one of them, gasping from heat, ventured to peep beyond the bulwarks, and by chance espied a fire-fly which had strayed into the room. Arousing his companion with a punch, he said, "Fergus, it's no use. Ye might as well come out. Here's one of the crayters searchin for us wid a lantern."—*Indian Daily News. Ibid.*

Discharged Soldiers.—The Government have for sometime past been troubled with appeals from discharged soldiers, who may have fallen into distress in this country, and who, finding their stay inconvenient or impossible, desire to return to their country. Many of such soldiers have families, whom, of course, they wish to take with them. The Government have done their best to help them with passages. But a stop is to be put to this for the future. When soldiers receive their discharge with permission to remain in India, they are to state whether they are married or unmarried, and have a family or not, when they will be informed whether in case of distress hereafter the Government will help them with free passages to England or elsewhere.—*Ibid.*

Mr. MacNabb, Deputy Commissioner of Simla, goes, we hear, to Peshawur as Deputy Commissioner under Major Pollock.—*Mofussilite*, Nov. 18.

Captain Sheridan, Deputy Commissary of Ordnance, died at Allahabad on the 11th instant. For some months the deceased had been in ill health and he was of more than seventy summers.—*Ibid.*

A Victim to Liquor.—A Mr. Cross, a resident of Intally, gave information to the police of the following events, of rather a painful character. He stated that a friend of his named Charles Marsh, who had returned a few days ago from Assam, had applied to him for lodgings, and he had allowed him to occupy a portion of his house temporarily. For some days past the young man had been drinking, and was almost in a chronic state of intemperance, and yesterday morning on going into his room he found him dead on the floor. The unfortunate young man had, it appears, a sum at his credit with his agents in Calcutta, out of which he had been drawing instalments ever since his return, a balance being still due to him; and it is currently reported that he is a son of the Mayor of Yarmouth, Mr. A. Marsh.—*Englishman*, Nov. 19.

Captain Grace, Deputy Commissioner on leave, has been posted to the Dumoh district.—*Central India Times*, Nov. 20.

Captain C. H. Plowden, Officiating Deputy Commissioner, has been transferred from the Dumoh to the Nursingpore district.—*Ibid.*

Assistant Surgeon Edis, M.B., has been appointed to these provinces and is to take over the medical charge of the Chindwara district.—*Ibid.*

Lieut. Jones, Assistant Commissioner, has applied for permission to resign his appointment in the Central Provinces' Commission.—*Ibid.*

Mr. A. Marriott, late Assistant District Superintendent of Police, has been appointed Superintendent of the Central Jail, Nagpore, as a temporary measure.—*Ibid.*

The honorary rank of assistant surgeon has been conferred on that most deserving and popular medical officer, Mr. Thomas King, Civil Surgeon of Dumoh.—*Ibid.*

The office of the Superintending Engineer, Nagpore Circle, has been ordered into Nagpore from Kamptee, preparatory to its being wound up and finally dissolved.—*Ibid.*

Mr. Stanborough, officiating District Superintendent of Police, Belaspore, has obtained three months' privilege leave from the date on which he makes over charge to Mr. Hamilton.—*Ibid.*

Mr. C. Bernard, Commissioner, accompanied by Messrs. Oldham, Blanford, Medlicott and Hughes, of the Government Geological Survey, left the station for Chanda this morning.—*Ibid.*

Mr. C. Grant, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner left for Bombay last Wednesday, to give final instructions regarding the printing of the Central Provinces Gazetteer, which work has recently been revised and edited by that gentleman. Mr. Grant's preface to this publication is a quite masterpiece of its kind, and in an historical, descriptive, geological, and statistical point of view, leaves no item of information untouched regarding these provinces.—*Ibid.*

The news received by last mail that Mr. John Scarlet Campbell, late Judicial Commissioner of these provinces, intends to return to India and is expected to arrive in Bombay about the 20th December next, has taken everybody by surprise. Many are the conjectures as to his reasons for thus forfeiting nearly half of his leave.—*Ibid.*

The Government has directed the Superintendent of Political Pensions to stop the pension allowed to Khajah Begum, daughter of the late Shahibzaddah Zaffer-ood-deen, of the Mysore family, as a token of displeasure on account of certain misbehaviour on her part.—*Indian Daily News*, Nov. 17.

We learn on good authority that it has been determined to abolish twenty deputy collectorships by the end of the present year. It is further intended to do away with nineteen tahsildarships within the same period, and as many sub-magistrateships.—*Madras Athenæum*, Nov. 17.

The Rev. Mr. Laing, officiating chaplain of Jullundur, is to officiate as chaplain of Kussowlie during the absence of the Rev. C. Toussaint, on three months' privilege leave, or until further orders.—*Mofussilite*, Nov. 16.

The A Battery, 22nd Brigade R. A., Captain Manderson, with mountain guns, marched into the station yesterday from Jutogh, and is encamped near the Artillery Lines.—*Ibid.*

A salute of artillery yesterday announced the arrival in the station (Umballa) of Major-General J. W. Fitzmayer, C. B., R. H. A., on tour, as Inspector of Artillery, Northern Division.—*Ibid.*

Captain M. Hambay having been forced by the condition of his health to leave Umballa in anticipation of the leave on medical certificate for which he has applied, Major C. N. McMullin, B. S. C., has been nominated by Colonel Hawthorne, commanding the station, to the cantonment magistracy, subject to confirmation.—*Ibid.*

A civil suit is likely to come off in all this month in the Deputy Commissioner's Court, Delhi, the plaintiff in the case being a Mr. Bolle of Lahore, the defendant, Mrs. Webb of Delhi. The suit has reference to the charge of kidnapping instituted by the defendant against Mrs. Bolle in September, and alluded to in these columns at the time.—*Ibid.*

Fever continues to rage in Jullundur. It is probable the 92nd Gordon Highlanders will be immediately marched out of that station, and encamped. We are sorry to say that the malady has not, as we supposed, left this station (Umballa), but that on the contrary it has got amongst H. M.'s 106th Foot, whose two hospitals were full a few days ago. The malady is said to be again disappearing, but for that, or that it is non-contagious, we do not vouch.—*Ibid.*

The "Englishman's" Hydrabad correspondent writes that Captain Finglass, who was recently stabbed while passing in a palanquin through the city, was an Eurasian gentleman whose family has been settled at Hydrabad for at least two generations. Captain Finglass himself was in command of one of the Nizam's regiments, and did not belong to the Minister's reformed force.

His Highness Sramudi Rajahye Hindustan Raj Rajendor Sree Maharajah Dheeraj Sewaee Ram Singh Bahadoor, Rajah of Jeypore, G. C. S. I., and a member of the Governor General's Council for making laws and regulations, arrived at the presidency yesterday morning, November 16. Intelligence of His Highness's arrival had only reached town late on Monday evening. He was met at the Howrah railway station by Captain Brooke, A. D. C. to His Excellency the Viceroy, and Mr. Girdlestone, officiating under-secretary in the Foreign Department, and was by them conducted to the steam ferry boat. On alighting on the Calcutta side of the river, His Highness was received by Mr. Aitchison, officiating secretary in the Foreign Department. A viceregal carriage, and an escort, furnished by the 11th Bengal Cavalry, in charge of Captain Graham Birch, Brigade Major, and a native officer, was waiting at Armenian Ghat to convey His Highness to Palmhurst, the house taken for his residence at Alipore. The Maharajah was accompanied thither by Mr. Aitchison, Captain Brooke, and Mr. Girdlestone, who took leave of him at the door of his residence. The Maharajah received a salute of 19 guns.—*Englishman*, Nov. 17.

A police officer, about to apply for leave to appear before the usual examination committee, received, a few weeks since, the now well-known notice dispensing with his services. He thereupon asked whether he could attend the examination and might obtain the usual gratuity. The electric wire brought the following reply:—"Need not attend examination; leave impracticable; gratuity doubtful."—*Indian Daily News. Ibid.*

The two companies of the 3-60th Rifles located here leave Bangalore by train for Bellary about the 20th of the month. We believe they have been here for the last six months.—*Bangalore Herald*, Nov. 16.

A telegram was received in the station yesterday ordering the 2-19th Regiment to proceed to Calcutta forthwith. The regiment is to be there about the beginning of December, and has consequently but little time left to make preparations for its departure. Has this anything to do with the expected visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to India?—*Ibid.*

Retrenchment.—We learn that the Supreme Government have directed the local authorities to call upon the heads of the respective departments in this presidency to submit, at the beginning of every month, a tabular statement showing the number of *employés*, with a view of seeing whether any saving might not be effected.—*Madras Times*, Nov. 15.

Mr. R. C. Wheeler.—We regret to record the death, on Friday evening last, of Mr. R. C. Wheeler, sanitary inspector of the Madras Municipality. Mr. Wheeler died at the house of Dr. Conran on the Poonamallee Road, at the age of 34.—*Ibid.*

In consequence of the present financial pressure, it has been decided to postpone the survey which had been ordered of the Midnapore district, and to break up the Cooch Behar party as soon as the Survey operations in that district are completed. The Midnapore survey will be hereafter executed by the party now engaged in surveying the Hooghly district.—*Pioneer*, Nov. 19.

We hear from Peshawur that although all the arrangements for the fair there are completed, but very few, if any, traders are expected. Rumours of "the sore sickness" have probably travelled far and wide, and acted as an effectual drag upon commercial enterprise. Seeing how much sickness still lingers in the valley matters are perhaps on the whole best as they are.—*Ibid.*

FORT POLICE COURT.—22nd Nov.

(Before Nana Morojee, Esq.)

Refusal of Duty.—George Dual, a seaman of the ship Hydrabad, was charged with wilful disobedience of lawful commands in refusing to do duty on board the ship, and was sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment.

Suspected of Theft.—Goolab Kali Khan, a vagrant, was charged with having in his possession a quantity of postage stamps, suspected of being stolen or fraudulently obtained. The man was convicted and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

Assault.—Dinshaw Merwanjee was convicted of committing an assault against the person of one Hurry Madhowjee, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten rupees, of which five rupees was to go to complainant.

Demanding more than legal Fare.—Mahomed Sirdar, a buggy-driver, was charged at the instance of Mr. William Day, chief officer of the steam ship Phlox, with demanding more than the legal fare for his public conveyance, and was fined three rupees.

Embezzlement.—Narayen Raghoo was charged with embezzling fourteen hundred brooms, of the value of Rs. 32-8, the property of Minguel DeSouza, and was on conviction sentenced to five months' hard labour.

Gambling.—Ebram Mahomed and Dadabhoy Cursetjee were charged with gaming on a public place this day, and were fined five rupees each; or in default to undergo ten days' imprisonment.

GIRGAUM POLICE COURT.—22nd Nov.

(Before R. H. Showell, Esq.)

Assault.—Lowa Manchund was charged with committing an assault against the person of Rama Shimker, and was fined five rupees.

Illicit Sale of Spirituous Liquor.—Bustou Ithoo, a toddy-drawer, was fined five rupees, on a charge of illicitly selling spirituous liquor by retail at Mahim.—Bustou Salvadore and Dwarkoo woman, were also fined ten rupees each for a similar offence.

Thefts.—Hurry Narrayen was sentenced to five months' imprisonment for stealing a bullock, of the value of Rs. 40, belonging to Yaddoo Nana.—Rama Woossa was charged with stealing silver ornaments, value Rs. 17, belonging to Tannoo Rama, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.—Babajee Jeyram and Essoo Sooroba were charged with stealing a quantity of longcloth, of the value of Rs. 10, the property of the Royal Spinning and Weaving Company. On conviction the first prisoner was sentenced to receive ten stripes, and the second to be imprisoned with hard labour for a month.

BANKS.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK of INDIA, LONDON, and CHINA.

Exchange.

The Bank grants Drafts
On London at 6 months' sight above £50 at 1s. 11 3/4d. per Rs.
4 ,, ,, at 1s. 11 5/8d. ,,
3 ,, ,, at 1s. 11 9/16d. ,,
2 ,, ,, at 1s. 11 1/2d. ,,
1 ,, ,, at 1s. 11 7/16d. ,,
On demand ,, at 1s. 11 3/8d. ,,
On Scotland and Ireland ,, 3 per cent. per ann.
Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe, Overland at 1 day's sight ,, at 1s. 11 5/16d. ,,

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Madras, Cocoanada, Ceylon, Hongkong, Foochowfoo, Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Penang, Mauritius and Yokohama.
The Bank also draws on the Branches of the Bank of New South Wales.

Interest.

On Deposit accounts payable on demand interest will be credited half yearly, on 30th June and 31st December, at the rate of two per cent. per annum on the daily balance not exceeding one Lac Rupees.

On Fixed Deposits.

12 months ..... 6 per cent.
6 do. ..... 5 ,,
3 do. ..... 3 ,,

All Letters should be addressed and Hoondies made payable to Agent, Chartered Mercantile Bank.
Bombay, 19th November 1869.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.—(Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March and by Imperial Decree of 25th July 1864.)

Recognised by the International Convention of 30th April 1863, and by Act XIII. of 1864, of the Legislative Council of India, and by Amended Act of 1867.

Subscribed and Paid-up Capital £3,200,000
Reserve Fund 800,000

Head Office—PARIS.

Agencies.

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London Bankers.

The Union Bank of London; Messrs. C. J. Hambro and Sons.
Agents in Scotland.—National Bank of Scotland.
Agents in Ireland.—{ The Munster Bank, Limited. / The Belfast Banking Company.

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The Bank grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases and collects Bills on the above places, and on all the principal Cities and Towns on the Continent of Europe.
Interest is allowed at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on current deposits on the minimum monthly balances.
Investments and sales of all descriptions of British and Foreign Securities, &c., effected.
The Bank takes charge of Securities for customers, and receives Dividends on Indian and Foreign Funds, Railway and other shares.
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All remittances to be endorsed "Pay Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris, or order."

E. J. HARDCASTLE, Manager.

9, Rampart Row, Bombay, 25th August 1869.

AGRA BANK (Limited).—Capital—£1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

In 100,000 Shares of £10 each.

Head Office—Nicholas Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

Edinburgh Branch—17 St. Andrew Square.

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Calcutta	Agra,	Kurrachee.
Madras.	Bombay.	Lahore.

The Bombay Manager grants Bills of Exchange at the following rates on London at 6 months sight at 1/11 3/4 per Rupee.

4	do.	1/11 5/8	,,
3	do.	1/11 9/16	,,
2	do.	1/11 1/2	,,
1	do.	1/11 7/16	,,
On demand		1/11 3/8	,,
On Scotland		1/11 3/8	,,

No drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50, and sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Interests.

On Deposits repayable on demand will be credited half-yearly on 30th June and 31st December at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the minimum monthly balance not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 upon all accounts the balances of which have not during the six months fallen below Rs. 1,000. When such has been the case, no interest will be allowed.
On Fixed Deposits subject to 3 months' Notice of withdrawal 3 per cent. per ann.

Do.	6	do.	4
Do.	12	do.	5
Do.	24	do.	6

The Bank takes charge of Government Paper and other Securities for constituents without charge.
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